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PREFACE.

The establishment of the Bath Records Society affords an opportunity, which has been lacking too long in our City, to stimulate interest in the documentary and other treasures which we have inherited from our careful forefathers. Although Bath cannot, perhaps, claim equality with a few of the most ancient municipalities of the Kingdom, as regards the volume and importance of their records, yet we are justified in saying that those which have been so carefully preserved in the Guildhall of this City are of the highest interest. The Royal Charters, which commence with that granted by Richard I., in the year 1189, are numerous, and in addition there are many Royal Grants, Mandates and Writs and other Crown missives. The City already owes to the indefatigable labours of the translator of the documents presented in this volume, a complete transcript of that interesting and valuable record of civic expenditure in the 16th Century, known as the "Chamberlain Accounts." The two volumes containing this transcript are in the possession of the Corporation, but until the expense of publication is provided this mine of information as to the methods and expenditure of our Civic Fathers, when they exercised full independence in disbursing the Corporate revenues, will be explored only by the very few. The Minutes of Council Meetings, dating from the time of the Stuarts, also await similar attention.

It is one of the objects of the Bath Records Society to encourage work of research and assist in rendering more accessible to students and citizens the result of labours such as those undertaken by Mr. Shickle. The present publication is a beginning, which will, it is hoped, whet the appetite not only of those associated with the Corporation but of the public generally, for further instalments. The volume now issued will be of permanent interest to all who are anxious to know more of the domestic history of our ancient City. When we consider how few evidences remain of the mediæval life of Bath, and how intimate is the account which is given in these ancient documents of the identity and transactions of the men who dwelt here 600 years ago and the light they throw on the management of public affairs and the gradual changes in the topography of the old walled city, we cannot fail to appraise the value of these records very highly. We are also able to find in these documents the origin of many surnames borne for generations by Bath families, of whom not a few have established branches in distant lands. It is hoped that this volume will find readers across the seas and will help to confirm their affection for the Queen City of the West, to whom they owe their origin.

Bath Records Society.

FOREWORD

BY

MR. FREDERIC HARRISON, D.C.L., LL.D., J.P., ETC.

Historians have constantly insisted on the value of ancient documents in local keeping which illustrate the life and manners of our ancestors ; and there has been now for many years past a series of efforts by students and local societies to tabulate and interpret the old records preserved in the chests of famous cities and in the muniment rooms of old country houses. A remarkable example of how much such a study can throw light on history has been given by our eminent fellow-citizen, the learned and indefatigable Master of St. John's Hospital. It is natural that this Hospital, one of the oldest foundations in Christendom, with its eight centuries of continuous activity, unbroken by Wars, Revolutions, or Reformation, should have as its Master an enthusiastic student of our historic City.

The documents preserved in the Municipal Buildings, which Mr. Shickle has examined, go back from the time of Edward I. (that is, contemporary with Parliament) to that of Henry VI. (that is, the close of the Feudal period). No one who has not tried to interpret such old Deeds can imagine the difficulty of the task. They are in Latin—or rather that mediæval language which is a separate tongue of its own. Then the writing can only be read by an expert, with its contractions, signs, and conventional symbols. Then the names are often transmuted and translated. In the absence of family names, a man is often dubbed by the name of his trade, or his abode, or by the Latin equivalent. Stephen, the Baker, is inscribed Stephen Pistor, John de Ponte or Ponter stands for Bridgeman, and a widow who marries again is described by her maiden name.

Out of this tangle of old parchments Mr. Shickle has made a most instructive and very amusing story. As he truly says, the records offer endless scope for historic novels. I will not disclose the tale that Mr. Shickle has unearthed of the widow and the elderly widower on the other side of the hedge which separated the adjoining curtilage. Again, who was Johanna de Canynges ? And who was Isabella first wife of Robert the Taylor at the corner of the lane in Stall Street ? These people who conveyed tenements with an annual rent of 2½d., who limited the funeral expenses to 13s. 4d. and paid as fee to the rector 1d., all the same made wills and settlements quite as elaborate as those of recent times and gave minute bequests as to their best and second-best beds, as to their cups and tankards and basins and the rest of their personal effects.

On the whole, the picture of mediæval life which the research of Mr. Shickle has extracted from these musty, but carefully drawn and well preserved documents, is a real addition to our history of our ancient City, and tells us much of the civilisation and habits of its citizens. We see how very small was the circuit of the City, bound for safety within its battlemented walls, and yet how the complex life of a central and rich city was carried on just as it is to-day. And we see, too, the wonderful continuity of our English people, holding for centuries the same streets, churches, bridges and water conduits—above all, the same law, municipal organization and civic ranks. Assuredly, for long generations English Burgesses did not treat Indentures, Charters and Testaments as what the Prussians would call "mere scraps of paper."

INTRODUCTION

BY

THE REV. C. W. SHICKLE, M.A., F.S.A.

Mankind has ever sought to make the evidences of property transactions as nearly imperishable as could be. The Babylonians, in order to preserve the record of their agreements, stamped them upon clay bricks, which when baked were stored in a treasury from which many have been brought to the British Museum, a more lasting method even than writing on parchment which was the ordinary custom of Western nations.

ORIGIN OF THE INDENTURE.

But there was one great objection to written agreements. Few in early ages could read, and fewer still could write, and therefore they were at the mercy of the Clerks and Monks, who drew up the documents, and were themselves in many instances but imperfectly acquainted with the language of those who employed them. Many devices were therefore resorted to in order to keep men in the straight path of probity. Of these one example is an Indenture of fine. The word Indenture gives the idea of something connected with notches, and an Indenture always has an irregular top edge ; for this reason, the agreement was written twice on the same piece of parchment, head to head, with a small space between them along which some waving lines were drawn, and another copy of the deed was written across the ends of the parchment. The two deeds were sealed with the seals, etc., of the different parties, who exchanged them ; and then it was divided into three pieces by two wavy cuts. The object of this was that if a lawsuit was commenced both the parties had to produce their document and it was then seen whether the two pieces exactly fitted. This was done to prevent a forged deed being substituted for the original. The third deed which was at the foot of the other two was deposited in some public office, and it had to fit into the others before the trial could commence. The deeds were called fines, and the document at the end was called the foot, hence the term " feet of fines." Many of these " feet of fines " have been collected together and published according to Counties, and give considerable information with respect to persons and transactions in days of old. But where a transaction was not of sufficient importance for this elaboration it was still necessary that the writings should be preserved, since possession of the deeds of a property was often sufficient proof of ownership, and the men were thankful if their friend the Mayor would allow the deed he had kindly witnessed to be put into the Corporation chest. The Mayor was often the witness in legal transactions. The reason was this. Each person had, or was supposed to have, his own seal, which he was able to recognise, though unable to write or read. But it was often felt that the seal of the person being little known would not afford much

security, and therefore the Mayor or some other person of importance added his seal as a proof of the authenticity of the deed. In earlier times the deed of conveyance was publicly read in the Hundred Court before the Provost or Bailiff in order that those present might testify to the fairness and authenticity of the transaction.

THE DEEDS AT BATH GUILDHALL.

This accounts for the fact that there are numbers of these old deeds to be found in nearly every Guildhall. In Bath there are more than 500. It is hard to realise how small Bath was. From Cater's corner to the Theatre, marks the northern boundary. Thence the wall ran exactly along the tram line to St. James's Church, no nearer the river than at the present time, and the Abbey Green and all that corner belonged to the convent and had no houses upon it. A few houses in Southgate Street and a few more in Walcot and Broad Streets, nothing more. How the visitors fared we cannot tell and yet Bath was more fashionable then than now.

These 500 deeds lay in some chest in the Guildhall, and once when the citizens wanted to prove how long Bath had enjoyed a Charter they pleaded there were a quantity of documents so ancient and written in such a curious hand that no one could read them, so a Mr. Furman, of London, was paid to arrange and make a list of them, for which he received an ample payment, considering that he did not translate any. This gentleman divided them into six bundles, mainly according to streets, and threaded each bundle on a string with a tag like a boot lace. Some few were inspected from time to time, but where they were kept I do not know, and when the alteration of the Municipal Buildings took place they were put into a brown paper parcel and sent over to the Bank, and so remained for a long time after their return to the detriment of the seals, etc., but otherwise suffered but little. A few are lost, having probably been taken away and forgotten to be returned as is so often the case. The boot laces kept them together, and now they are in neat little boxes, safe, I hope, from further injury. They chiefly relate to transactions from the reigns of Edward I. to Henry VI., some a little earlier, some later.

MERCHANTS' MARKS.

The seals attached are interesting, not only because they afford very early examples of the Mayor's seal, but a few are Merchants' marks. The various traders used to have distinguishing marks with which they stamped their goods, and in many old houses in other towns these merchants' marks are cut on the top of their handsomely carved door posts. Trade marks are very ancient, though legislation about them may be recent. All these documents, with one or two exceptions, are written in Latin, and occasionally the clerks translated the names, and so we find in the first deed printed in this book "*Nigel Pontarius*," which we should call Bridgeman and later, Gilbert Cissor—Tailor, Adam Fullo—Fuller, John le Venur—Hunter; but the difficulty is that often these surnames only denoted the trade carried on; so Stephen Pistor was a baker, Walter le Lavender was the washerman, and who knows whether in Bundle 1, No. 22, Parmenter was the name of a man or only meant a tailor. Many of the deeds are grants for a nominal rent; a sprig of gilly flower at Easter, a rose, a pair of gloves, and in one case a manor seems to have been sold for a pair of silver-gilt spurs. Half-pound of pepper was frequently mentioned and is the origin

of the term "pepper corn rent." It is a truly hopeless task to make out a pedigree for this period with any degree of certainty, although we may be told that the name was always Browne with an e, or Smyth with a y. And then again when a widow had married she is often called by her maiden name though there is no suspicion of her respectability. Perhaps the best example of change of name is in the case of Alexander Deigher. He was Mayor more than once and a distinguished citizen in the middle of the 14th Century, but it is somewhat confusing when we find his name spelt Deigher, Dyer, with any variation between these two, and sometimes written Tinctor, which is Latin for Dyer; and the trouble is not minimised when his son, Thomas, in a later document, states that his father was the Dyer, and so it was not his surname after all. In Bundle 1, No. 13, Geoffrey Wissi is granted a property which is not to be assigned to a religious house, and in more than one other case there is a restriction against its being bought by a Jew. The deed is a very early one, and it may be even anterior to anything we could call a Corporation.

THE HUNDRED OF BATH.

There was a Mayor, but the most important body at first was the hundred court of the Guild, and in the next document, which is between the same persons and about almost the same property, the matter is said to have taken place in the full Hundred of Bath, and Geoffrey Wissi is said to have given to Agnes Parcarius (Parker), the wife, a bezant. Now a bezant was a gold coin which had its name from Byzantium and was current in England from the 10th Century till the reign of Edward III. The deed is witnessed by Helias, Dean of Bath, who lived about 1200. Whether there was a Dean of Bath or whether he was Archdeacon I cannot say. Bezants are named again in Bundle VI, No. 67, which is a Bristol, not a Bath deed. Some of the names are very archaic—Turstan, Roger de Kiuilli; and it was drawn up by an Ecclesiastic—Henry, the Deacon. This same man drew up a deed (Bundle VI, No. 68), which is a grant to St. John's Hospital, Bath, by Hermerus, the son of Michael, and Hawise his wife, of some land in Radeclive Street, Bristol, which they before held of the Hospital; and for this release the Brethren and Sisters gave him four marks, and a similar pledge about the Jews before the Hundred of Radeclive. Now from the Chartulary of the Hospital, which I found in the Archbishop's Library at Lambeth Palace, I know that this piece of land was "towards St. John's Gate," and extended from the street back to the water, which was called Lawditch, but I have not met with any of the names. The deeds on the Chartulary are 14th Ed. I. and two in Ed. II. The property does not now belong to the Hospital, but it is worthy of note that the agreements are made with the master, brethren and sisters in the same manner as at the present time; a very rare example of continuity in a charitable foundation.

MASS FOR THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION.

Bundle III, No. 65. Thomas Saundres, Chaplain, was an ecclesiastic, and granted a considerable portion of lands and houses in Bath and the suburbs to the Mayor and Corporation, subject to the condition that they should find him for life in bread, a calico dress, and sufficient linen for him to celebrate his mass wherever he may wish within the liberty of the city for the souls of his relations and friends and the Mayor and Corporation;

together with a house at a rent of one penny a year, and also 8 marks a year for his life, and if this should be in arrear for one whole year at the time of his death the Corporation were to pay four marks to his executors. This was in the eleventh year of the reign of Richard II., 22nd July, 1387. Bundle III, No. 66. At the request of the Mayor and Corporation, 28th April, 1399, 22nd Rich. II., and with the permission of the Bishop of Bath and Wells through his commissioner, Robert Hulle, the name of the chief street was changed from Souter Street to Chep Street. This document illustrates the exceptional power of the Bishop. At the time of the Conquest, Bath was the property of the King, "*Rex tenet Bad,*" together with the Hundred of Bath, *Bathon forinsecum*, afterwards corrupted into *Bathforum*, within which was the Barton, cultivated for the mutual advantage of the citizens, which became Crown land. John de Villula purchased the city from Rufus but not the *forinsecum*. Savaricus, who succeeded Fitz Jocelin, founder of St. John's Hospital, and who, being a relation of Henry VI. of Germany, was instrumental in obtaining the release of Richard I., was made Abbot of Glastonbury in addition to holding the Bishopric, and in return for this surrendered the City to the Crown. The City appears to have fallen again soon after under the Bishop, as the *Langabulem* (Land Tax) was payable to him instead of to the Crown, and is specially so mentioned in the deeds.

ST. JAMES'S.

We often find mention made in the City Accounts of the conduit or fountain at St. James's Church, and are apt to think it was brought into the city from Holloway in comparatively recent times, but this is a mistake, for one of the oldest deeds (Bundle III, No. 34) speaks of the grant by the Rector of Chiw of a piece of land between the South gate and the neighbouring fountain, no mention being made of St. James's Church. I do not know the actual date of this deed, but the witnesses correspond with persons who witnessed a deed ascribed by my friend, Mr. Boyd, to the early part of the reign of Henry III., say 1230. In the year 1344 (Bundle III, No. 50) the same piece of land apparently is sold subject to the same rent of 14 pence to the Rector of Chew, and in this instance it is said to be between the South gate and the way of the Procession round the Church of St. James's. It is not generally known that St. James's Church once stood just where the old "*Chronicle*" Office was, by the Abbey, and over the Baths, and that is why some coffins came to be dug up as they cleared the Roman Baths. How close it stood to the Prior's House you can understand if you think that the little door in the nave of the Abbey is called the Prior's Door and was opposite his entrance. As the Prior was anxious to incorporate the Church with his own house, he was permitted by the Pope to do so in 1286, with the proviso that the Chancel should be pulled down and a Cross erected on the steps where the High Altar stood. St. James's Church was rebuilt in a small field within the City walls and just outside the Abbot's garden, and there appears to have been just enough room for a passage all round the church.

THE WIDOW OF BATH.

In looking over these deeds a name sometimes catches the eye and impresses itself upon the memory. One lady stands out not as a wife of Bath, but rather as

a Bess of Hardwick, who must have been a woman of importance in her own family circle, even if her influence extended no further. Her first name was Johanna de Canynges, whether a Bristol maiden I cannot say, but the name is not found in Bath Archives. She first appears as the widow of William de Sautemareys, or Salso Mariseo, Salt Marsh (names were as elastic as indiarubber). She had engaged the affections of a widower, Benedict de Stoke, a well-known man in Bath, but whose name was not Benedict de Stoke but Benedict Young, or Le Zonge (the name is not clearly written), of Hangyngstoke. They only used the first part and the last part of a long name and dropped the rest. His name appears as witness to the execution of at least six deeds. The deeds relating to the purchase of his various houses were deposited in the Guildhall, and at one time he acted as Provost, but I have not found his name among that of the Mayors. Who William de Sautemareys was I cannot say, but I think he belonged to Batheaston, for in a sale of a meadow (Bundle VI., No. 60), in the West part of the Close (clausum) called Silvestresham in that place, a certain field is said to be between one belonging to Walter le Zonge and that of John de Sautemareys, which affords food for conjecture. The deed in question has a small but special interest, because there was a clause that the tenant had the right to shroud but not to fell the trees, though he might have them if they were thrown down by the wind.

Whether the widow threw fascinating glances over the hedge at the elderly widower on the other side of the narrow intervening field I must leave you to imagine ; all I can say is that on the 8th June, 1326 (Bundle IV., No. 55), Benedict settled upon her all his property, namely his house in Stall Street (where Archard's shop was at the corner of the old lane to the Baths), and the house held by William Clement adjoining that of the Bishop, subject to an annual payment to his Lordship of 4s. 1½d. And then I suppose the wedding took place, for in his will (Bundle IV., No. 56), dated 19th October, 1326, he left to his wife these two houses, with the reversion, subject to the payment to St. Mary de Stalls of a pound of wax at the Feast of the Assumption for a taper, and also four pence for four masses on the day of his anniversary. He also left his wife a rent charge on a house in Frog lane (that is, New Bond Street), with reversion of the lease, and another house outside the South Gate, and he also made her residuary legatee. To his son John, who must have been the son of a previous marriage, he left his best robe and two sums of 2s. and 3s. a year for life. Benedict must have died very soon, for the will was proved 11th November of the same year before Walter de Hulle, Rector of Shepton Beauchamp, who was the Bishop's Commissioner when the name of Souter Street was changed to that of Chep Street. The lady did not find a solitary life pleasing, and cast her eyes upon John Freoman, of Cherletone, and as perchance her good looks had begun to fail she did the greater part of the wooing and so settled (Bundle IV., No. 57), all her property upon him the Saturday before Valentine in consideration of the receipt of a certain sum of money which may or may not be a legal fiction. John, the stepson, granted (Bundle I., No. 36) to John Freoman, all his right in the houses belonging to his father Benedict, but it does not appear that he received anything for this gift. I know nothing more about John Freoman, but some years afterwards (Bundle I., No. 37) 22nd Edw. III., Johaanna grants to her son-in-law Roger Love and her daughter Isabella and their heirs a shop with the attic before her dwelling. The minute precision adopted in this deed for describing the property is worthy of note. It reads like the letting of a modern flat.

SCOPE FOR HISTORIC NOVELS.

There is plenty of scope in those musty deeds for historic novels. Bundle IV., No. 16, throws light upon an unfortunate page of English history, of which very little is known by the general public. Henry III., being in great need of money and being unable to procure it by lawful means, proclaimed a Crusade, hoping to be able to spend upon himself and his favourites the money which would be entrusted to him by the zealous and devout ; but when the nobility who had promised to join the expedition wanted to start before the King, who had not yet made any preparations, Henry appealed to the Pope, who prohibited any of them from leaving the country before the King, which gave great offence to the people.

TRESPASSES IN ROYAL FORESTS.

This source of income being stopped and the King not daring to appeal to the Parliament through dread of what they might do if called together, caused an inquisition to be made in all counties concerning trespasses committed in Royal forests. This Commission included all cases not excepted in King John's Charter. The manner of the inquisition was still more intolerable, for men were punished with excessive fines and confiscation of property for the least offence. Geoffrey of Langley, who was Commissioner, is said by Matthew Paris to have ruined divers persons of the best quality for killing but a deer or a hare, though it was on the very highway, and to have clapp'd a gentleman in prison for but muttering against his unjust proceedings. Henry Petevin appears to have been one of his victims. John Petevin, in conjunction with John Coc, had purchased a house or stall which stood on the site of part of the present Arcade facing the Pump Room Hotel, and Henry Petevin succeeded John in the partnership. What trade they carried on is not disclosed, but Henry sells to John Coc his share of the shop for four marks of silver and a tunic of bluet (blue cloth), and the deed is drawn up with more than ordinary care and witnessed by no less than nine influential persons among his neighbours. A note is appended to this deed stating that he did this with the assent of his wife Joan and because of his urgent need since he was charged with money due to the King and was heavily indebted to him for his ransom in the year of grace 1249 and in the 34th year of the reign of Henry III. ; and in witness of this deed was affixed the seal of the community. In the next document, which is of almost the same date, the purchaser pays 12 marks in pennies (denarius). Denarius was a penny ; a pennyweight being 32 grains of wheat from the middle of the ear. The old name for an English penny was a sterling, said to be from Easterlings or Easterlongs, the old popular name in England for traders from the North of Germany, *i.e.*, East of England, whose money was of peculiar purity and who in the reign of King John first stamped pure coins in England. The sterling, or penny, was the standard coin in which it was stipulated that payment should be made, and the term subsequently applied to the coinage of England in general.

A DEED DRAWN UP LIKE A ROYAL CHARTER.

Early in the reign of Henry III. (Bundle I., Nos. 1 and 2), a man whom we know under two titles, as Master Robert de Castelford, and also as parson of Alveston, makes a grant to a Margaret Little, first, for service received, of the lands belonging

to Nigel Pontarius or Bridgeman. And in the second makes her heiress of the same property, and for greater security affixes his seal to both documents in full hundred. As Robert was in orders he was not supposed to be able to leave property and we must consider that he was the administrator in some way or other of Nigel P., and there was, I think, a reason why special care should be taken that Margaret should be confirmed in the property as her father had been outlawed for the murder of his wife, Edith, and his house had become escheated to the King. Now this house was granted by deed to Geoffrey de Bath (Bundle I, No. 58). The deed, if not important as a civic document, is one of great interest on account of its antiquity and its showing how the property of malefactors was treated. It is drawn up in exactly the same manner as a royal Charter. "Henry by the Grace of God King of England Lord of Ireland Duke of Normandy and Aquetain and Count of Anjou to the Archbishops, &c." . . . And Witnessed by Hugh de Burgo, Earl of Kent, Justiciary of England, and several other persons, and the Royal Seals had been attached to it by the tricoloured cord, which still exists though the seal was broken away, and was issued 30 Nov. 14th Hen. under the hand of Ralph, Bishop of Chichester.

WILLS.

Sometimes wills were deposited in the care of the Corporation for safe custody. We find examples in Bundles VI., No. 31, the will of Henry le Marschal; Bundle IV., No. 75, the will of Sybil Pochon, and Bundle V., No. 47, the will of Henry Cissor. In each of these the bequests are numerous and of great particularity. Thus Henry le Marschal gives to his son John his tools and tongs (beters and tangers) with his cranes (crautenes) and one good anvil (andfeld) and the shears (scherchours), 4 hammers, 2 forhammers, and 2 nail hammers. Sybil Pochongave to the Image of St. Katherine de Stalls her best silk robe; to the Image of Holy Trinity in the Cathedral Church of Bath, a pair of jet rosaries with silver beads. To Thos. Smyth a cupboard. To Elizabeth Hendy a small silk robe and another small robe of linen thread. Henry Cissor gave to the poor on day of funeral, 14s. 3d., for wax, 4s., for sermon, 4d., for masses, 2s., chanting the psalms, 12d., for coffin, 33d. He also gave 12d. out of rent of house in Plumstoneswichene and 6d. out of house of Ralph Clerk to the Corporation, so that the Mayor might give each parochial chaplain 2d. yearly on his anniversary, and each parish Clerk 1d. to ring a knell, and to the Bedman 2d., and to the Brotherhood of Jerusalem 1d. yearly.

CUI BONO?

Some persons might say, "What is the good of all these documents? And what possible advantage can it be to know anything about persons dead and gone?" Let me mention two cases. Letitia Cocherynton sold to Henry and William Fisher, sons of John Truan (names again) all her land on the west side of Broad Street, which was subject to a rent of a rose at Midsummer and land tax to the Bishop of 5d. This was attested by the seal of the guild, and was therefore very old, I think it was 1286 (Bundle V, No. 1). It says the land adjoined some land belonging to St. John's Hospital. Now, on looking over the plans of the Hospital property I could not find any Hospital land on the West side, and I began to hunt about as to what had

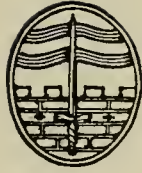
become of it as I knew the Corporation has been often accused of stealing the Hospital property. At last I found that the piece of land was now occupied by that street in Bath which has no name, namely, between Edgar Buildings and the York House, and when Milsom Street was made the land was taken by compulsory powers and the money expended in the purchase of 11, Brock Street, which I believe to be a very good investment for the Charity. That is one instance. Another is the tale of a quit rent of 10s., which was paid by persons in Wells. Some years ago a gentleman declined to pay unless the authority could be shown him for such payment, which our solicitors were unable to do. One day the fact happened to be mentioned in my presence, and I was able to find the agreement which had been made and which had been deposited in the Guildhall with these documents we are considering. It is dated 13th January, 1613-14 (Bundle I, No. 65), and states that there having been a dispute between St. John's Hospital and Sir William Doddington about a rent out of two mills and the " Hammes " adjoining them in Wells, James Godwyn, having recently purchased the property, agrees to pay the 10s. in dispute, with power for the Hospital to distrain, but the goods to be sold in St. Cuthbert's Parish. Whether we have obtained the payment or whether we are statute barred I am not sure, but at any rate there is some use in reading and preserving musty, fusty documents.

When I commenced the translation of these old Deeds I did not contemplate that it would be possible for the translation to be printed, but, through the generosity of the members of the Bath Records Society, this work has been undertaken, and I hope that the result will be of value to the Citizens of Bath and of interest to the still wider circle of those to whom such records appeal. The fact that my translations (made more for my own satisfaction than with any view of publication) would become public made it important that accuracy should be secured as far as was reasonably practicable.

I have been so fortunate as to have had the assistance of Mr. W. K. Boyd, whose reputation as a decipherer and interpreter of ancient documents is of the highest, and I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to him for the very considerable amount of time and care he has given in perusing practically every document and revising every page of the work. Having had the benefit of Mr. Boyd's profound knowledge and experience in such matters I feel infinitely less apprehension in allowing the result of my labour of love to go forth to the public in printed form.

I have also to acknowledge with many thanks the assistance given by Mr. F. D. Wardle, who until recently was Town Clerk of Bath, by whom the editing has been carried out most energetically and carefully.

C. W. SHICKLE.



TRANSLATION OF
ANCIENT DEEDS.

NOTES AS TO ARRANGEMENT OF DEEDS, ABBREVIATIONS, DATES, &c.

In order to avoid any departure from the schedules of documents and references preserved in the Guildhall, it has been decided to print the translations according to the six bundles and in the order in which the deeds have been kept for a long period. Hence chronological order is not maintained. For the most part documents relating to the same properties or properties in the same situation are together, but this is not invariably the case.

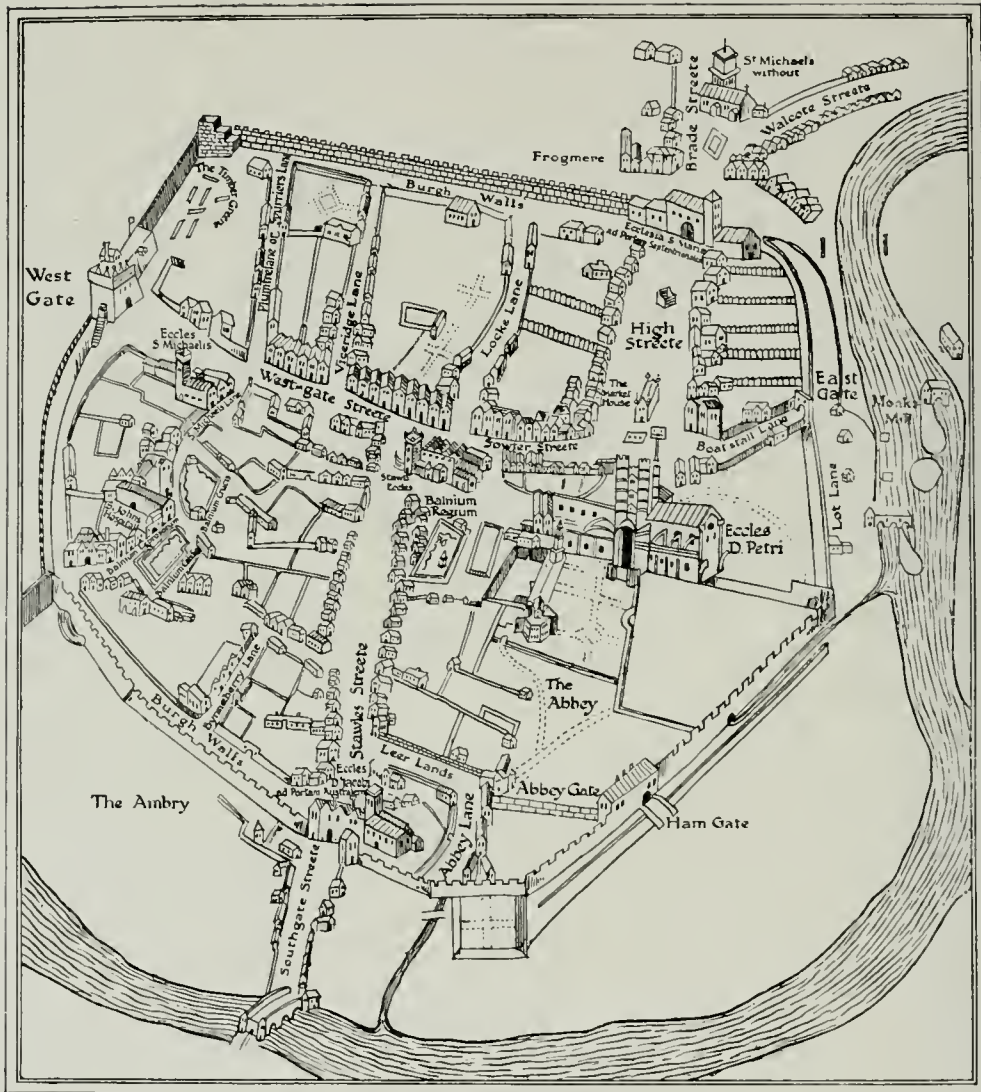
Many of the deeds, particularly the earlier examples are undated. As far as possible the approximate date has been given in brackets, this being arrived at after consideration of the handwriting, the names of the witnesses and the relationship of the transaction effected by the deed to other transactions effected by other dated deeds. The modern rendering of dates has been added in parenthesis in the case of the dated deeds.

The actual spelling of names as given in the deeds has been followed, although the spelling varies constantly and sometimes in the same deed.

Abbreviations have been expanded whenever the meaning was obvious.

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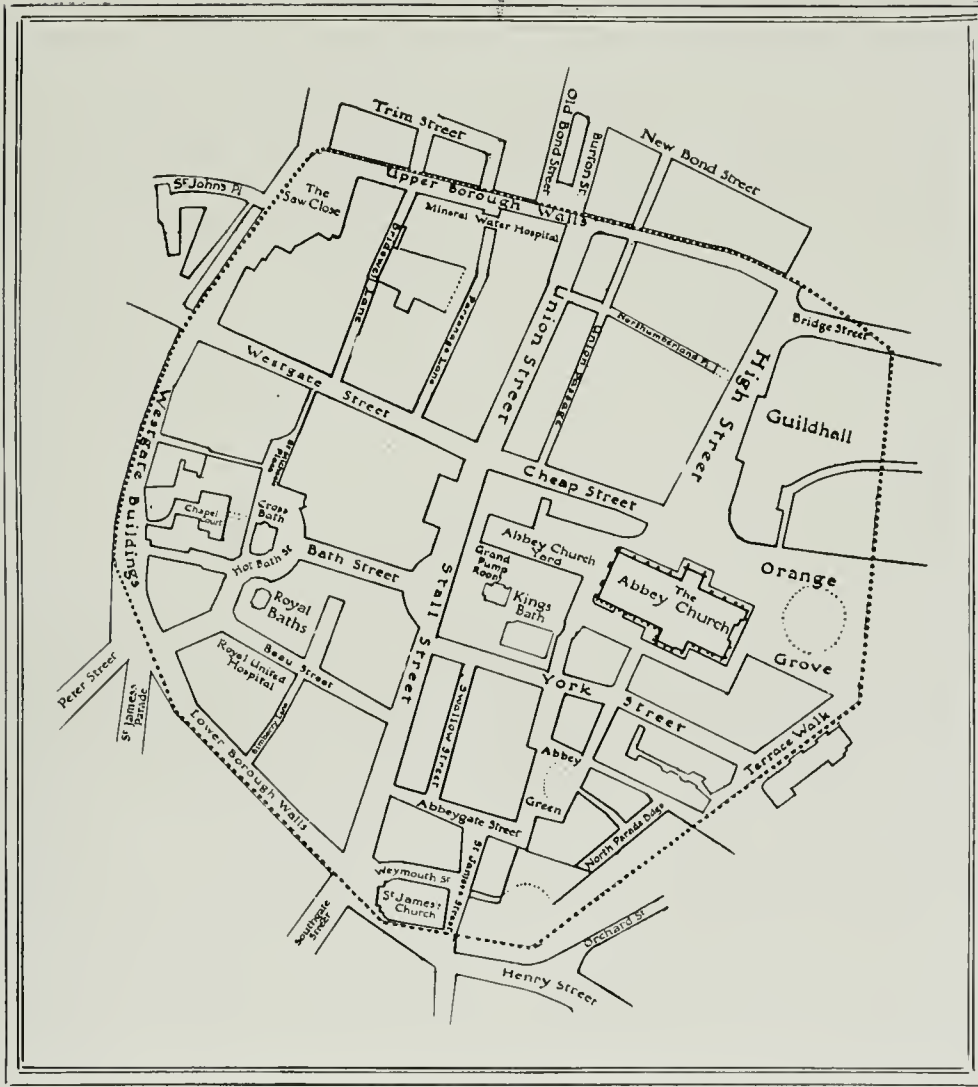
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Copy of Map given in Thomas Johnson's "*Thermæ Bathonicæ*", published 1634, and closely following Speed's Map of 1610.
Total Area of the Walled City about 25 acres.

BATH

XXth Century



The centre of the modern City on the same scale as Johnson's Map.
(The site of the City Wall is shown with dotted lines.)

BUNDLE No. 1.

Containing ancient Deeds from the earliest
time down to James I. of premises generally
in Bath from and to divers persons some of
which are to the Corporation.

(1)

Grant by Master Robert de Castelford, to Margaret, daughter of Robert Little (Parvus), of Bath, for her service, of all that land in Bath which belonged to Nigel Pontarius (Bridgeman); and for greater security he confirmed the grant with his seal in the full hundred of Bath.

Witnesses: Richard de Forde; Thomas de Wike; Sweine; Gervase; Reiner the goldsmith; Serlo the tailor (parmentarius); Hugh de Ayston; William de Stoke; Robert de Hampton, and others.

(Early Hen. III).

(Circa 1220).

(2)

Deed by which Master Robert, parson of Alveston, makes Margaret, daughter of Robert, of Bath, heir of his land which belonged to Nigell Pontarius, and gives her seisin in the full hundred.

Witnesses: Richard de Forde; Thomas de Wike; Swein; Gervase; Reiner the goldsmith; Serlo Parmentar; Hugh de Aixton; William de Stoke; Robert de Hampton, and many others.

(Circa 1220).

(3)

Grant by Vincent, son of Hugh Galopin, to God and the hospital of St. John in Bath and to the brethren and sisters there serving God, of the part of his land next the bath, namely a herbary (herbarium), which his father conferred on them. Rendering to Vincent nine pence yearly for his life and after his decease quit of all demand.

Witnesses: David Little (Parvo); Hugh de Ayston; Andrew Clerk; William Krull; John Copp; John Little (Parvo).

(Circa 1260).

(4)

Grant by John Absolon, of Bath, to Richard le Wolf, of two shillings of yearly rent from two stalls (seldis) in which John Milys and his wife are bound to him at the

four usual terms ; which stalls are between his tenement on the north and that of the Prior and Convent of Bradenstoke on the south. To hold for 10 years from 13 Edward I. with power of distress. For this Richard gave him 6s. 4d. and if John fails in his warranty he shall restore the 6s. 4d. to the said John.

Witnesses : Thomas Sweyn, then Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Gilbert Cissor ; Richard Tabernarius, then Provost ; John de Syreburne, and others.

(1284).

(5)

Grant by Richard de Knyth, to Eustace Mercator, of his tenement between the land of John de Ponte on the east, and that of the said Eustace on the west. Rendering to the chief lords of the fee fifteen pence at two terms viz., at the Feast of St. Michael 7½d. and at the Ascension 7½d. and for this Eustace gave him 10 marks of silver.

Witnesses : Richard Tabernarius, Mayor ; Gilbert Cissor ; Adam Fullo (Fuller) ; Stephen Pistor (Baker) ; John de Scyreburn ; Adam de Ponte ; John de Dover, and others.

(1283).

(6)

Grant by Richard de Knyth, to Eustace Mercator, and Joan, his wife, of his tenement in Bath lying between the land of Hugh de Ponte on the east and the land of Ellen le Brevitor on the west. Rendering 15 pence to the chief lords viz., 7½d. at Michaelmas and 7½d. at the Ascension, and for this Eustace and Joan gave him 17 marks sterling.

Witnesses : William Cocus, Mayor ; Ralph de Northwic, then Provost ; Thomas Sweyn ; John de Scyreburn ; William Scuel ; John le Venur ; John de Dover.

(1285).

(7)

Grant by Hugh Sperling, citizen of Bath, to the Mayor and Commonalty, of a yearly rent of 2s. arising from his tenement in the town of Bath, lying between the land of William Scleht and the land formerly of Hugh de la Pitte. For this John de Dover and Walter Ring, then Cofferers of the Commonalty of Bath, gave him 17 shillings sterling.

Witnesses : Robert Cocus ; Gilbert Cissor ; Thomas Sweyn ; William Scleht ; John Milis ; John de Schyreburn, then Provost ; Richard de Hunley.

(Circa 1285).

(8)

Grant by Ellen, daughter of Walter Brian, of Bath, to her mother, Gunnilda Brian, of a yearly rent of 12 pence payable at Pentecost to be taken from the house where Walter, her father, dwelt. Rendering to Ellen yearly at Easter a sprig of gilly-flower. For this Gunnilda gave her one mark.

Witnesses : Nicholas Clerk (Clerico), then Mayor ; Henry Cissor ; Richard Everard, then Provost ; John Milis ; William Scleht ; Thomas Coker ; Robert Cocus.

(Circa 1285).

(9)

Grant by Reginald Golde, of a yearly rent of 4d. payable quarterly for the support of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath, the rent to be taken from his tenement in the suburb Bath between the land of Thomas de Bristol on the north and that of John Piscator (Fisher) on the south. To have and to hold the said rent for the said masses, for ever, for the salvation of his soul and (the soul) of Ellen, his wife, and (the souls) of all their benefactors and all the faithful deceased.

Witnesses : John de Cumbe, Mayor ; Gilbert Cissor ; John de Scyrburn ; John le Venur ; William le Scuel ; Adam de Fonte ; John de Dovere.

(1280).

(10)

Grant by Alice de Noni, in her free widowhood, to John the Marshal (Marescallo) of the Prior of Bath, of a manse (mansam) which Warin the miller (molendinarius) held in free marriage with her daughter. Rendering to the chief lord $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of cummin at Michaelmas and to the King at Hockeday 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. And for this John gave her 3 marks.

Witnesses : Walter Falconer, then Mayor ; Henry Cissor, then Provost ; Randolph Archer ; Roger Budde ; John Milis ; John Ory ; William Sleh ; John Someter ; Richard de Hupton.

(Circa 1310).

(11)

Release by Alice de Tyldeye, relict of John Absolon, of Bath, to John Fynch, of all her right in a tenement between the land of John de Cumbe, tailor, on the north, and that of Walter Trig on the south ; which tenement John, formerly her husband, sold and granted (incartavit) by charter to the aforesaid John Fynch so that she should have no claim in the same. For this release John gave her one mark of silver.

Witnesses : William Scuel, Mayor ; Eustace Mercator, Provost ; Thomas Sweyn ; John le Venur ; David Tabernarius.

Dated : Bath, Saturday next after the Feast of St. Hillary the Bishop, 23 Edw. I. (29 January, 1294-95).

(12)

Release by Isabella, daughter of John Fynch, to John Cole, of Bath, of all her right in a tenement in Bath between the land of the Prior of Bradenstoke and that of John de Cumbe on the north ; which tenement Alice, her sister, sold to the said John and by his charter enfeofed him, for ever.

Witnesses : William Cocus ; Peter le Brevitour ; Richard Witeson ; Thomas Fynch ; William Adeu ; Robert de Hampton ; John de Wike.

Dated : Bath, Sunday next after the Purification, 5 Edw. II. (6 February, 1311-12).

(13)

Grant by Richard Parker (Parcarius), of Henton, with the assent of Agnes, his wife, to Geoffrey Wissi, of all that land which Richard Mazo held next Alron's bath (juxta balneum alrone). To hold as a free burgage in Bath. Rendering to Richard six pence yearly at the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula: the said land can

be assigned to whom he wishes, except to religious houses. For this grant Geoffrey gave him 5s. of silver, and to Agnes, his wife, 10d., and to John, his eldest son, 10d.

Witnesses: Master Giles de Winton; Henry Hosey (Hoseto) of Tatewik; Walter de Wike; Henry Hosey de Churlecumbe; John de Chernburi; Swein; Kaskill de Weston; Walter the bedell; Benedict de Wdewike; John de Porta; Gervase; David Little (Parvus); William Fresel; William Springout; Ralph Absolon.

(Circa 1240).

(14)

Grant by Richard Parker, of Henton Comitis, with the assent of Agnes, his wife, to Geoffrey Wissi, of all that land next Alron's bath, which Richard Mazo formerly held of Richard Parker's father and of Richard Parker after Richard's father's death, and which land Amicia, Ymma, Agnes, and Alice, Richard Mazo's four daughters, sold to him in the hundred of Bath. Rendering to Richard 2d. yearly. For this Geoffrey Wissi gave him $\frac{1}{2}$ a mark, and to Agnes, his wife, a bezant, and to John, his eldest son, 12d.

Witnesses: Helias, dean of Bath; Master Giles de Winton; Henry Hosey (Hosato) of Taddewik; Walter de Wike; Henry Hosey of Cherlecumbe; Richard de Ford; Walter de Sokerwik; John de Chernbiry; Swein de Weston; Walter the bedell; Benedict de Wdewik; Sweyn; John, his brother; Gervase; David Little (Parvus); William Fresel; Robert Blund; Ralph Absolon, citizens of Bath.

(Circa 1220).

(15)

Counterpart of No. 13.

(16)

Grant by John Cole, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Isabella called le Cloytmangares, of a tenement in the suburb of Bath which they had of the gift of William le Cloytmangares, lying between their land on the north and the land of Sir William de Bath on the south. To hold for her life. Rendering 4s. yearly (with clauses for repairs etc.)

Witnesses: William Cook (Cocus); Richard Whiteson; Peter le Brevitour; William Adeu; John de Southstoke, and others.

(Circa 1300).

(17)

Grant by Richard de Ford, with the consent of his heirs, to Edelina, his daughter, of all his land which he bought in Bath of Ralph de Wdewike, which lies between the land of Susan the widow and that of Adam Scokerwik. Rendering at Michaelmas 6d. to Richard and one penny at Hockeday for land gabel.

Witnesses: Henry Hose of Tatewik; Henry Hose of Cherlecumbe; Walter de Wike; Walter de Sok'; Richard de Sok'; Suein of Weston; Suein of Bath; Gervase de Bath (Baa), and many others.

(Circa 1220).

(18)

Deed by which David, son of Goldriana, after reciting that he bought in full hundred before the Gild a land (unam terram) next the bath from William Balch, his uncle, and gave toll (teloneum) to the Provost, gave to Hugh, son of Simon, his uncle, 11 shillings for the same land and renounced all his right thereto.

This land David gave before them to Matilda, his wife, in dower.

Witnesses : Swan de Weston, Bailiff ; Serlo, then Steward ; Gilbert ; Reiner the goldsmith (aurifabro), scrivener of the Gild, and others.

Seal of the Gild.

(*Circa 1220*).

(19)

Grant by Walter Hosey, of Wike, with the assent of Agnes, his wife, for his service, to Nicholas Spir and his heirs, of a moiety of his land in Bath between the land formerly of Robert, son of Vivian, and the land of William Hosey, namely the moiety next the land of William Hosey. Rendering to Walter 2s. yearly. Saving to Walter and his heirs lodging (hospitagio) together with the said Nicholas in the same houses if war should happen. For which Nicholas gave to Walter two marks and to Agnes one gold buckle (firmaculum) ; but if Nicholas does not have an heir by his espoused wife he may make anyone of his next of kin his heir.

Witnesses : Henry de Munford ; Roger, his brother ; William Hosey ; Henry, his son ; Robert Hosey of Cherlecumbe ; Henry, his son ; Richard de Forda ; Adam de Sokerwike ; Swein ; Gervase ; Robt. Fresel ; Helias Draper ; Serlo the tailor (parmentarius) ; Reiner and William the goldsmiths ; Swein de Weston ; Robert, son of Hamon ; Andrew, son of Durand.

(*Circa 1220*).

(20)

Grant by John Hosey (Hosatus), of Tattewick, to Thomas de Wike, for his service, of his land in Bath, next the walls, which Simon de Wike held. Rendering to John and his heirs a pair of gloves on the Morrow of Pentecost. For which Thomas gave him one mark of silver.

Witnesses : Richard de Forda ; Sweyn de Bath ; Gervase ; Reiner the goldsmith ; Robert Fresel ; Walerand de Wika ; John and Fulco, brothers ; Hugh de Ayston ; Silvester, and many others.

(*Circa 1219*).

(21)

Grant by Peter le Brevitor, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, for 40 shillings, to John Cole, Agnes, his wife, and John, their son, of all their tenement in Bath which they have by bequest in the will of John the Tayllur, lying between the land of Henry Hecy on the north and the land late of Thomas of Ayswyke on the south. To hold to the said John, Agnes, and John, for their lives. Rendering therefor yearly as is contained in the will of the said John le Taillur and paying to them after the decease of Agnes, his wife, of sixpence at Michaelmas. The tenement to revert to the Mayor &c after the decease of John, Agnes, and John.

Witnesses : William Cook (Cocus) ; William Suel ; Richard the miller ; Benedict de Stoke ; William Adeu.

(*Circa 1295*).

(22)

Agreement by Humphrey Cook, son of Samson Cook, in consideration of five marks of silver, to warrant to Ralph Absolon the land which was the tailor's (parmentarie) towards the north gate, against all men and women except the King. Except 6d. which Peter, the clerk, son of Serlo Parmenter, claims against the said Ralph viz., that land concerning which there was a plea in the King's Court.

Witnesses: Master John de Ikeford, the Bishop's official; Henry, dean of Portbury; Elias, dean of Bath; Master Ernald; Geoffrey, the official's clerk; Richard de Forda; Swein and Gervase of Bath; brothers John and Fulk; Serlo Tailor (Parmentarie); Andrew, son of Durand; Ernald the clerk, and the whole hundred of Bath.

(Circa 1230).

(23)

Grant by Nicholas, son of Eilwin, with the consent of his wife and of his heirs, to Thomas le Goiz, of his messuage in Wike, together with the charter which he had from Sir Robert Canut. To hold of the said Robert and his heirs in chief, freely, &c. Rendering to the said Robert 5 shillings at four terms for all service and secular exaction, except royal service, to wit, as much as pertains to 5 acres of land of the same fee. For this Thomas gave him 9 marks for a fine (gersum).

Witnesses: Henry Hosey (Hosato) of Tatewik; Henry Hosey (Hosato) of Cherlecumbe; Walter Wike; Richard de Forda; Walter, his son; Sweyn de Westhon; Roger of Sokerwik; Peter de Esthon; Symon the clerk (clericus); John, son of Fulk.

(Circa 1230).

(24)

Grant by Thomas Kyngeton, citizen, to William Eynesham, of all his lands, houses, goods and chattels, living or dead, with all his debts owing to him within and without the realm. Because his seal was unknown Thomas procured the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of Bath to be set to these presents.

Witnesses: William Phelypyes, Mayor; Richard Wydcombe, Ralph Hunte, Walter Ryche, Aldermen; John Hareforde, Bailiff; Nicholas Cooke, Roger Stanburgh, constables of the City of Bath.

Dated: Bath, 2 Nov: 6 Hen. VI. (1427).

(25)

Quitclaim by Matilda Chanu, daughter of Adam Hayrun, to Margery, daughter of Robert Little (Parvus), of Bath, of all the right which she had in the name of dower in the land which Master Robert Legister bought of her husband Robert le Chanu. This was done in the 18th year of the Coronation of Hen. III (1233-34); and that it may be kept and observed Matilda pledges her faith before the following.

Witnesses: Kaskill de Weston; John de Porta; David Little (Parvus); John, his son; William Fresel; Geoffrey Whyssi; Walter de Celario; Walter the chaplain, son of Serlo; John de la Mare, clerk.

(26)

Grant by Betricha Marleward, to Adam Fullo, for two marks, of a yearly rent of 2s. which he was accustomed to pay Betricha for her tenement which is between

the land of Thomas de Celario, on the east, and of John Marshal (Marescallo), on the west. Rendering to her yearly a rose at Midsummer.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; John Millys ; Richard Kynth ; Roger Alayn ; Geoffrey the clerk, then Provost ; Robert de Worcester (Wigornia).

(Circa 1286).

(27)

Grant by William Scuel; of Bath, with the consent of Alice, his wife, to Benedict le Zunge, for 100s., of his messuage which is between the land which was Gilbert Cissor's on the south, and the land of the said Benedict on the north ; and which contains 15 feet in width and extends from the highway to the Bishop's wall. Rendering to the Bishop 22½d. at two terms, viz., at Michaelmas and Hokeday.

Witnesses : Richard Taverner (Tabernario), Mayor ; Gilbert Cissor ; John de Dove ; Adam de Fonte ; John de Scyrburne ; John Fynch ; Eustace Mercator.

(1295).

(28)

Grant by William Scuel, then Mayor, and the Commonalty, to Margery, relict of William Sley, for her life, of a tenement lying between the tenement of Nicholas le Lavender on the north and the tenement of the Prior and Convent of Bath on the south. Rendering therefor yearly to the Cofferer of the Commonalty of Bath 2s. 1d. and one bushel of beans annually at the Feast of St. Lucy the Virgin. Covenant by Margery to maintain the said tenement in as good a state as she received it.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor ; William Cook (Cocus) ; John le Venur ; Thomas Sweyn ; Ralph Taverner ; Eustace Mercator ; John the clerk (clerico), and others.

Dated at Bath, 9 Kal. March, 23 Edw. I. (24 March, 1294-95).

(29)

Lease by the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, to Richard Shacsho, and Edith, his first wife, for their lives, in survivorship, of their shop (shopam) next the Hykemosepitt, between the shop which William Love now holds of them on the north and the shop which Richard and Edith inhabited on the day of making these presents, on the south. Rendering to them 6s. yearly and to the Abbot and Convent of Keynesham 2d. yearly at the same terms. With covenant to repair and not to alienate it without permission. The property to be forfeited if rent in default for 3 months.

Witnesses : Adam Whiteson, Mayor ; William Sweyn ; Alexander the Dyare ; Henry Hurel ; Richard Boye, and others.

Dated : Bath, 10 May, 13 Edw. III. (1339).

(30)

Grant by William Pylck, of Bradeford, to Roger Deverel, of his tenement in Bath between the land of the Bishop of Bath on the south, and that which belonged to Richard Taverner (Tabernarius) on the north. Rendering 5s. 8d. annually and

twelve pence to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath by equal quarterly payments, and to William and his heirs 12 pence per annum.

Witnesses : Adam Wyteson, Mayor ; John de Brome, Provost ; Richard Boye ; John de Wyke ; William Nyueman ; Geoffrey the clerk ; William Cubbel.

Dated : Bath, Saturday next after St. Andrew the Apostle, 4 Edw. III. (1 December, 1330).

(31)

Release by Richard Deuerll, kinsman and heir of Roger le Thannere, of Bath, to William de Iford, of all his right in the lands, rents, and tenements, in the city and suburb of Bath which he had by hereditary right after the death of the said Roger, his uncle.

Witnesses : Walter Carpenter, Mayor ; Richard de Bereford, Provost ; William Kybull ; Thomas Stote ; John Gregory ; Roger atte Lane ; John Wodeland ; Richard Hurell ; Thomas de Thame, and others.

Dated : Bath, Trinity Sunday, 26 Edw. III. (3 June, 1352).

(32)

Quitclaim by Alice, who was the wife of Richard Fykeys, of Bath, to William le Cloytmangare, of all her right in a house in the suburb of Bath between the land of the Commonalty on the north and the land which belonged to Nicholas le Parker on the south.

Witnesses : William Scuel, Mayor ; William Cocus ; Richard the miller ; Peter le Brevitor ; Henry Batyn, and others.

Dated : Bath, Tuesday next after the Feast of St. James the Apostle, 32 Edw. I. (28 July, 1304).

(33)

Agreement made between William Cocus, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, and Reginald Janitor, that William should have for his life a messuage against the Prior's gate, having the house of the Prior and Convent on either side. Rendering yearly to the Commonalty 3s., and 12 pence yearly to the Bishop for land gabel at Hockeday and Midsummer, with warranty by the Mayor and Commonalty to Reginald and Juliana, his wife, who agree to keep the place in good repair.

Witnesses : Ralph le Noreys, Provost ; William Suel ; John de Schireburne ; Nicholas le Lavender ; John le Tayllur.

Made on the day of the Translation of St. Wulstan the Bishop, 22 Edw. I. (19 January, 1293-94).

(34)

Release by Nichola, formerly wife of Reginald de Lodelowe, of Bath, to John Duntersterre, tailor, burgess of Bath, of all her right in two shillings of yearly rent which she was accustomed to have from the tenement which at the time of making the agreement was inhabited by Mabel, formerly the wife of William de Budstone.

Witnesses : Alexander Dyer, Mayor ; Henry Hurel ; Batyn le Deyer ; John atte Halle ; Thomas Fountaye.

Dated : Bath, Monday next after the Feast of St. Barnabas, 11 Edw. III. (16 June, 1337).

(35)

Quitclaim by Edith, relict of Gilbert Cissor, of Bath, to Benedict de Stoke, of all her right in a tenement in Bath which lies between that of the said Benedict on the north and that which formerly belonged to John Daniel on the south.

Witnesses : Peter le Brevitor, Mayor ; Richard the miller, Provost ; William de Sancto Laudo ; William Scuel ; William Adeu, and others.

Dated at Bath, Friday next after the Feast of the Annunciation, 30 Edw. [I.] (28 March, 1302).

(36)

Release by John de Stoke, son and heir of Benedict de Stoke, of Bath, to John Freoman, of Bath, of all his right in all tenements with the rents and reversions which belonged to his said father in the City of Bath and suburb, and which Joan Sautemareys, wife of the aforesaid John Freoman, had of the feoffment of the said Benedict.

Seal of the Mayor set thereto because John's seal is unknown.

Witnesses : Roger Cryst, Mayor ; Adam Whytesone ; William Swcyn ; Henry Hurel ; Walter Saundres, and others.

Dated at Bath, 31 January, 15 Edw. III. (1340-41).

(37)

Grant by Joan de Salso Marisco, relict of John Freman, to Roger Love, and Isabella, his wife, daughter of the said Joan, and to Isabella's lawful issue, of a shop (shopa) with one attic (solario) over the cellar (celarium) of the house (domus) before her tenement which Benedict of Stoke, formerly her husband, gave her, and which Walter de Lambrigge, fuller, once had, and which contains in length 11½ feet and in breadth 14 feet, and is situate between the tenement which Walter Webbe formerly held, on the south, and the little shop (shopa) of her aforesaid tenement, on the north ; in addition grant by Joan to Roger, and Isabella, and to Isabella's issue, of one inside cellar with the cellar adjacent on the west side of the hall of Joan's tenement on the north and the tenement which Walter Webbe held, on the south, and is 11 feet in length and 16 feet in breadth. Saving to Joan the corner of the entrance to the under-cellar of the out-house. To hold of Joan and her heirs and assigns freely, etc. Rendering yearly to the church of the B.M. of Stalls, one pound of wax at the Feast of the Assumption, for ever, and to Joan for her life 6s. of silver, and after Joan's decease, to her heirs and assigns 2d. at the Feast of St. Michael for all services etc, saving royal service. And if the said Roger and Isabella should die without issue of the said Isabella the whole to revert to Joan, her heirs and assign.

Seals of the said Joan and the Mayor.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Adam Whytesone ; William Swayn ; Roger Crist ; John de Halle ; Nicholas the Deyghar.

Dated at Bath on the Feast of St. Lawrence the Martyr, 22 Edw. III. (10 August, 1348).

(38)

Grant by Adam Whyteson, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to William Cubbel, of Bath, and Agnes, his wife, and to John, their eldest son, for their lives, in

survivorship, of six shillings of yearly rent which John Cole, the elder, was accustomed to render for a certain cellar which is situate between the tenement which John atte Halle holds on the south and the tenement which John de Bath acquired from William Sweyn on the west ; which rent and cellar are to revert on the death of John Cole to the said William, Agnes, and John, for their lives. The said cellar contains on the side next the house of John atte Halle 28½ royal feet. To hold subject to an annual rent of six shillings to the proctors of the Commonalty, and subject to forfeiture for dilapidations or non-payment.

Witnesses : John Cole ; William Sweyn ; Roger Cryst ; Henry Hurel ; John atte Halle.

Dated : 1st October, 17 Edw. III. (1343).

(39)

John Cubel, (son of William Cubel and of Agnes, who was the wife of William Cubel, daughter of Adam Farleye) vicar of the church of Home Lacy, appoints John Compe, John Gregory, and Walter Carpenter, his attorneys, to deliver to Rob. Wattes, citizen of Bath, Joan, his wife, and Isabella, their daughter, wife of John de Clynton, seisin of all his tenements and rents in the city and suburb of Bath.

John's seal and the common seal of the citizens of the City of Hereford set hereto.

Dated : Tuesday next before the Feast of St. Lawrence, 50 Edw. III. (5 August, 1376).

(40)

Grant by Robert de Hamptone, to Robert Wysdom, and Alicc, his (Robert de Hamptone's) daughter, and to her lawful issue, one built stall (selda) with the curtilage adjacent in the suburb between Robert's tenement and the tenement of William de Kymyngtone, and if Alice should die without issue the stall, etc., to revert to the said Robert de Hamptone's heirs.

Witnesses : Adam Whiteson, Mayor ; Geoffrey Hamond, Provost ; John de Wike ; Roger Cole ; William de Kymyngtone ; Walter and Robert Golde.

Dated at Bath, 10 June, 2 Edw. III. (1328).

(41)

Grant by William de Kymyngton, citizen of Bath, to Richard Pochyn, the elder his heirs and assigns, of all his lands and tenements, rents and reversions, in Bath and the suburb.

Because William's seal is unknown to many he procured the seal of the office of Mayoralty of Bath to be set thereto.

Witnesses : John Gregory, Mayor ; John Whyttokysmede ; Walter Carpenter ; John Natton ; John Merkolegh.

Dated at Bath, 10 Ap : 44 Edw. III. (1370).

(42)

Grant by Richard Pochyn, burgess of Bath, to John Pochyn, his son, otherwise called John Bathe, his younger son, of all his lands and houses, rents and reversions, within the City of Bath.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : William Rouse, Mayor ; Roger Glover, Bailiff ; John Coumpe ; Richard Bedull ; John Nacton ; Robert Wesspray ; Sewal Frauncis, and others.

Dated : Bath, 10 May, 14 Ric. II. (1391).

(43)

Grant by John Pochyn, otherwise Bathe, the younger, to Richard Pochyn, burgess, his father, and to Isabella, his wife, of all his lands, tenements, rents and reversions and services (as in No. 42) for their lives. Rent one penny.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : William Rouse, Mayor ; Roger Glover, Bailiff ; John Coumpe ; Richard Bedul ; John Natton ; Robert Wesspray ; Sewal Fraunceys.

Dated at Bath, 1 June, 14 Ric. II. (1391).

(44)

Release by Thomas Tanner, burgess of Wells, executor of the will of Master Nicholas de Iforde, to John Gregory, Geoffrey Nyweman, and John Mulverton, citizens of Bath, of all his right in all those lands, tenements, rents, and reversions, formerly belonging to the said Master Nicholas.

Dated at Bath, Thursday before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 50 Edw. III. (11 September, 1376).

(45)

Release by Richard Crist, brother and heir of Roger Crist, of Bath, to John Slade, citizen of Bath, and to Isabella, his wife, of all the lands, etc., which belonged to Richard's brother, Roger Criste, in Bath.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Whittokesmede, Mayor ; John Gregori ; Robert Deghere ; Walter Carpenter ; John Milverton.

Dated at Bath, 10 Dec : 38 Edw. III. (1364).

(46)

Grant by Isabella, formerly wife of John Wolmer, of Bath, to John Whittokesmede, Thomas Saundres and Walter Merkle, citizens, of all the lands, tenements, rents, and reversions she had of the feoffment of John Chaumpflour, chaplain, which lands Roger Crist formerly held.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Gregory, Mayor ; John Whittokesmede of Tatewyke ; Walter Carpenter ; William Goldsmyth ; John Natton.

Dated at Bath, 10 Nov : 43 Edw. III. (1369).

(47)

Release by Beatrice, relict of Walter Carpenter, to John Compe, of all her right in one tenement in Bath, between her tenement on the one side and the tenement of Thomas Carvyle on the other, which Walter Carpenter, late her husband, acquired from John Gregory, citizen of Bath.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : Robert Wattes, Mayor ; John Gregory ; John Nacton ; William Schaftesbury ; Thomas Swayn ; Thomas Saundres ; Richard Virgo.

Dated at Bath, Friday next before Pentecost, 2 Ric. II. (27 May, 1379).

(48)

Thomas, son and heir of John de Commpton, and Margery, his wife, appoint as their attorneys John de Iford, Benedict Hercy, of Bath, and Nicholas, son of John de Iford, to put William de Iford in possession of an annual rent of 13 shillings and 4 pence to be taken from the tenement which Claricia, who was the wife of Nicholas le Mareschal, held of the said Thomas Commpton for her life ; with the reversion of the same to William.

Dated : London, Monday next after All Saints Day, 17 Edw. III. (3 November, 1343).

(49)

Grant by Walter Riche, citizen, to William Hokekyne, John Whittokesmede, and William Drayton, of all his messuages, lands, tenements, gardens, rents, reversions and services, which he lately purchased in Bath and the suburb.

Seal of the Mayoralty set to by William Phyllypes, Mayor.

Dated : Feast of St. Hillary, 22 Hen. VI. (13 January, 1443-44).

(50)

Release by Edith, late the wife of Walter Riche, citizen, to William Hokekens, Mayor, John Whittokesmede, and William Drayton, of all her right in all the messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services, which she had by the feoffment of her late husband, Walter, as appears in a charter.

Dated : 14 Feb: 25 Hen. VI. (1446-47).

(51)

Release by John Whittokesmede, to John Thomas, Mayor, of all his right in all those messuages, lands and tenements, gardens, rents, reversions and services, in the town (villa) and suburb of Bath, which he had of the grant of Walter Riche, late citizen of Bath, together with William Hoggekyns and William Drayton, late citizens of Bath, deceased, whereof the date is the Feast of St. Hillary, 22 Henry VI. late King by fact but not by right.

Dated : Bath, 8 March, 1 Edw. IV. (1460-61).

(52)

Grant by Roger Testwode, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Mareys, citizen, and to Edith, his wife, whom he has at the day of the making of these presents, and to Edith, their daughter, for their lives, their shop (shopa) late of Geoffrey Newman, and Edith, his wife, situate between the tenement of Thomas Swayn, on the west, and the shop which the said John holds, on the east. Rendering yearly 10 shillings, with clause for repairs and forfeiture for non-payment, neglect, or alienation.

Witnesses : Robert Waspray ; John Cerne ; Henry Bertlot ; John Savage ; Thomas Swayn.

Dated : Bath, Friday, 18 Feb : 2 Hen. IV. (1400-01).

(53)

Licence by William Phelyppes, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Roger Stanburgh, and Alice, his wife, to have, dig and make a "gowte" in the ground beyond the highway as well outside as inside the "burghwalles," with an opening properly constructed, and through the said walls to make an opening ; and with an exit for the water of the "gowte" from the door of Roger's and Alice's garden and from the butress (pinone) of the garden wall of the tenement of William Wytte, running below to the ditch at the end of the garden of John Brian, towker, outside. To hold the said "gowte," etc., for their lives, in survivorship. Rendering to the Mayor, &c., one penny at Whitsuntide, with clause for forfeiture in default.

Witnesses : William Phelyppes, Mayor ; Walter Ryche ; John Northfolke ; Thomas Hyckes ; John Hayne, cofferers.

Dated at Bath, in the Guild Hall, 2 Feb : 11 Hen. VI. (1432-33).

(54)

Grant by Richard Clyware, Robert Churchward, and Richard atte Thorne, to John Hendeman, otherwise Bathe, burgess of the town (villa) of Bristol, and Alice, his wife, of all the lands, &c., which they had of the feoffment of John Compe, citizen of Bath, as they are bounded and specified in divers charters.

Seals of the grantees and of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : William Rous, Mayor ; John Hayward ; Richard Ford ; Richard Bedull ; William Dyar.

Dated at Bath, 27 Sept : 16 Ric. II. (1392).

(55)

Release by Isabella, relict of John Tyler, citizen, to Robert Wespray, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, of all her right in a shop with the cellar adjacent, being above the cellar of the front house of the tenement of the said Mayor and Commonalty, which they had of the feoffment of Joan de Salso Maristo, formerly her mother ; which tenement Walter Lambrigge held, and which said shop contained 11½ feet in length and 14 feet in width, and is situate between the tenement which Walter Webbe held on the south and the little shop (shopam) of the tenement belonging to the Mayor and Commonalty on the north. Also release by Isabella to the Mayor and Commonalty of her right in one inner cellar with a solar adjacent on the west

of the hall of the tenement of the said Mayor and Commonalty for the enlargement of the said shop; and they lie between the hall of the said tenement of the Mayor, &c., on the east and the aforesaid shop on the west; and between the entrance of the said tenement on the north and the tenement which Walter Webbe held on the south; and it contains 11 feet in length and 16 feet in breadth, with a certain corner of the entrance through the hall to the under-cellar (subcellarium) of the front of the house of the said tenement.

Witnesses: Robert Augre; John Savage; Ralph Honte; Thomas Plommer; Richard Wydcombe.

Dated at Bath, 20 Dec: 12 Ric. II. (1388).

(56)

Grant by John le Plomer, of Bath, to Adam Dodyng, and Julianna, his wife, of his tenement lying between that of John Rolues, on the north, and the tenement which Thomas le Buriman holds, on the south, for their lives. Rent six shillings yearly, and to the proctors of the City of Bath 12 pence. With clause for repairs etc.

Witnesses: Adam Whitsone; William de Kymyngton; Robert Wysdom; Walter and Robert Golde.

Dated at Bath, 1 Dec: 11 Edw. III. (1337).

(57)

Release by Nichola, widow of Reginald Ailrich, of Lodelouwe, to Richard le Boye, of all her right in all that toft which lies between the tenement of Agnes in la Hurne on the west and her own tenement on the east.

Witnesses: Alexander Dyer (Tincter), Mayor; Roger Cole; Henry Hurel; Richard le Brevitur; William Niwenian.

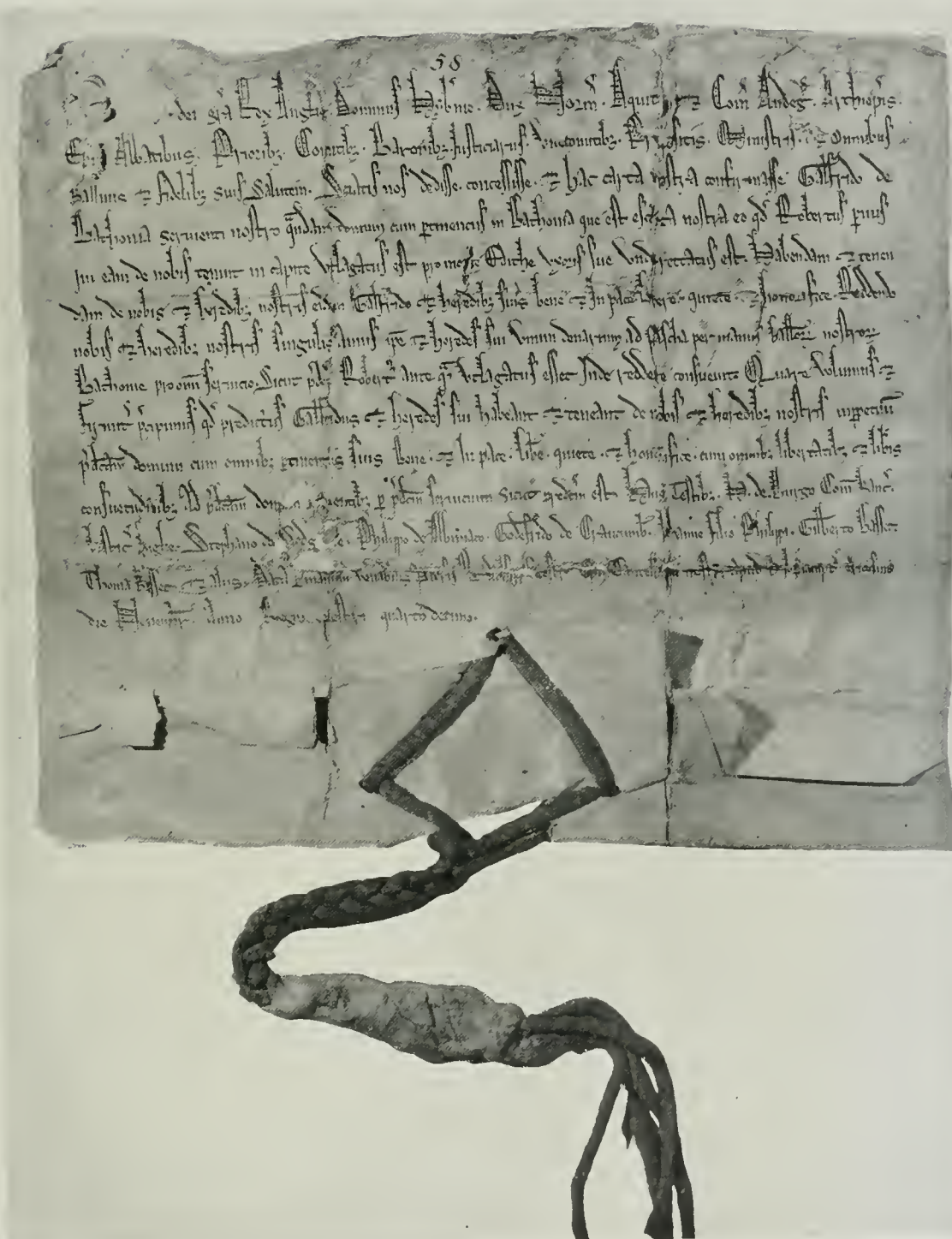
Dated at Bath, Friday after Invention of the Holy Cross, 6 Edw. III. (8 May, 1332).

(58)

Grant by Henry [III], "by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquetain and Count of Anjou," addressed to the Archbishops, &c., &c., to Geoffrey de Bath, his serjeant, of a house in Bath which was his escheat because Robert Little (Parvus) who held it of the King in chief was outlawed for the death of Edith, his wife. To hold of the King and his heirs freely, etc. Rendering yearly one penny at Easter by the hands of the King's Bailiffs of Bath for all service as the said Robert was accustomed to render before he was outlawed.

Witnesses: Hugh de Burgo, Earl of Kent, Justiciary of England; Stephen de Sedg[rav]e; Philip de Albiaco; Geoffrey de Craucumb; John, son of Philipp; Gilbert Basset; Thomas Basset, and others.

Given by the hand of Ralph, bishop of Chichester, the King's Chancellor, at Northampton, 30 Nov. 14 Hen. [III]. (1229).



Grant by Hen. [III] to Geoffrey, of Bath, of a house which escheated to the Crown on the outlawry of Robert Little (Bundle I, No. 58).

(59)

Deed by which William de Bath, son and heir of John de Schirebourn, appoints Thomas, son of John de Forde, as his attorney, to put the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath into seisin of all those lands and tenements which are more fully contained in a certain charter made by the said William to the Mayor and Commonalty.

Dated : 15 March, 12 Edw. III. (1337-38).

(60)

Deed by which William de Bath, son of John de Shyrburn, entirely remits all trespasses, contracts and agreements, which he had against the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, William Adeux, John Cole, Richard Baker (Pistor), Richard Wyteson, Adam le Muleward, John de Southstoke, Nicholas le Porter, John le Dighare, or any others of the liberty ; so that they and their tenements shall not in future incur any loss or hurt through him for any deed from the beginning of the world to this day.

Dated : Bath, Saturday the Morrow of the Circumcision, 15 Edw. II. (2 January, 1341-42).

(61)

Deed reciting that Richard Junior, Knight, has inspected the will of his father Richard, and mother, Eva, under the seal of the official of the Mayor of Bath, by which Eva, relict of Richard le Knyth, bequeathes her body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Peter and St. Paul, to Richard, her son, a house of stone which Richard, her husband, left her, so that Richard and his heirs should celebrate every week yearly the mass of the deceased for her father's and her own soul in the church of St. Michael near the Baths, and for this she appoints her son, Richard, and Adam Fullo, executors, and her parish priest and Richard Everard, overseers ; and confirming the will before these witnesses :—

John le Veniur, Mayor ; Richard Tabernarius ; Eustace Mercator ; Gilbert Cissor ; William Suel.

(*Circa* 1300).

(62)

The Will of William Hulle, citizen, 11th July 1409 :—

To be buried in the churchyard of the church of St. Mary de Stalles.

To Sir John Churchward, rector of the church of St. James, 10 shillings, to celebrate a trental of masses for my own soul and the souls of my wives Agnes and Edith.

To the Brethren of the order of St. Augustine of Bristol, to celebrate for my soul, 3s. 4d.

To the Brethren of the order of Carmelites, of the same town, to celebrate for my soul, 3s. 4d.

To the Prior and Convent of the cathedral church (*ecclesie cathedralis*) of Bath, to celebrate for my soul, 20s.

To be distributed to the poor on the day preceding my burial, 20s.

For funeral expenses and refreshments for my friends, 20s.

To a suitable chaplain to celebrate for my soul, and those of Agnes and Edith, my wives, etc., at the Altar of the Blessed Mary within the parish church of St. James, 100s.

For the repair of the causeway (calceti) beyond Bath Bridge, 6s. 8d.

To Robert Creywode, 12d.

To William Shepehurd, of Lyncombe, my godson, 10s.

To each of my godchildren, 12d.

To Richard Balle of Wydecombe, my best gown (togam) with hood (cipitio) and shirt (camissa).

To John Salmon, of Hampton, by Bath, my gown of "sendry" and 12d.

To William Cockes, my gown of "moteley."

To William Fox, of Berogh, my gown of blood colour.

To John, my son, and Joan, my daughter, 100s. between them equally when they come to the age of discretion, and if they do not live to discretion, to a suitable chaplain, to celebrate for my soul and the souls of my wives, relations and children, in St. James's Church, at the said Altar.

To John, my son, two silver spoons and one brass pot, containing by estimation four gallons (lagenas) and a half with one pan containing five gallons, when he comes to years of discretion.

To Joan, my daughter, two silver spoons, one brass pot, containing four gallons, with a dish, when she comes to years of discretion, and if they die before that time, then to remain to Edith my wife.

To John Netelton, my best cloak.

To Thomas Netelton, 6s. 8d.

To John Eyton, 6s. 8d.

To Edith, my wife, the tenement in which I dwell, with the garden, &c, for her life, and after her death to remain to John, my son, and his issue, then to Joan, my daughter, and her issue, with remainder to John Churcheward, clerk, John Eyton and Thomas Netelton, for ever.

The residue of all my goods, I give to Edith, my wife, to dispose of as she thinks best, for the good of my soul.

Edith, my wife, and John Eyton, executors.

Proved before John Tyssebury, clerk, commissary general of Nicholas, Bishop of Bath and Wells, in the churchyard of the church of St. John the Baptist, Bath, 2nd October in the above year, and afterwards the executors were satisfied that the contents of the will were carried out, and they are dismissed.

(63)

Deed by which the Mayor and Commonalty, the undoubted patrons of the hospital of St. John the Baptist within the City aforesaid, appoint Walter Chapman, Alderman, to be Master of the said hospital and to have the same governance as John Bewshin Clerk, late Master, formerly had.

Dated in the Council Chamber, 24 September, 14 James I. (1616).

Common Seal affixed.

(64)

A like presentation of William Chapman, the younger, Alderman.

Dated : 6 September, 22 James I. (1624).

Common Seal affixed.

(65)

Deed poll by James Godwyn, after reciting that there had been a controversy between the Master, etc., of the hospital of St. John in Bath and Sir William Doddington, of Breameere, co. Somerset, Kt., and John May, of Charterhouse Hidon, Esquire, concerning an ancient rent of 10s. due to the Master, etc., out of two mills and the "hammes" annexed, being some part of the land of the dissolved Priory of St. John Baptist in Wells, and that he (James Godwyn) had lately purchased the same, agrees to pay the 10s. yearly at Michaelmas or within thirty days, with right of distress if the rent is unpaid after lawful demand made at the mansion of Mr. Godwyn, but goods distrained not to be taken out of St. Cuthbert's parish.

Dated : 13 January. (1613-14.)

(66)

To John, Bishop of Bath and Wells. Presentation of John Pelling, clerk, by the Mayor and Commonalty, to the rectory of the parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul, of Bath, vacant by resignation of Richard Meredith, dean of Wells, the last incumbent.

Dated the day of the month of 1607-[8].

(See No. 67).

(67)

Presentation of John Pelling (as in No. 66).

Dated : 1 March, 1607 -[8].

BUNDLE No. 2.

Containing ancient Deeds from the earliest time down to Henry VIII. of premises mostly in Northgate Street within and without the Northgate in Bath from and to divers persons some of which are to the Corporation

(1)

Sale, for 10s. of silver, by Walter de Costantin, with the assent of Holysancta, his wife, to John, son of Miles de Bath, of a yearly rent of 12d. to be taken at Michaelmas from land in the suburb of Bath, outside the North gate of Bath, which is of the barony of Alba Mara. Which said land lies between the land of the said Miles on the north and froggemere on the south, and extends from the high street to the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath.

Witnesses : John de Porta ; John Coc ; Henry Cissor ; William de Clafferton ; Randolph Archer ; William Slegh ; Robert Buche, and others.

(*Circa* 1295).

(2)

Grant by John de Bath, son of John de Porta, of Bath, to John de Schyreburne, of all his tenement in the suburb of Bath outside the North gate ; and all his croft which lies by the barton (bertonam) of the Prior of Bath, together with one acre of arable land at the north end of the croft, between the croft which is called Kingescrofte towards the east and between the land of the Prior towards the west, which said acre and croft with the whole tenement aforesaid, Richard de Forde, his mother's father, gave to John de Porta with Edelina, his mother, in free marriage. John de Schyreburne to render to him and his heirs one rose at Midsummer, and 1d. to the Bishop of Bath for land gabel at Hockeday. For this John de Schyreburne gave 15 marks of silver.

Witnesses : Thomas Cokk ; William Sleht ; Thomas Sweyn ; John Coc ; William de Furno ; John Marshal (Marescallo) ; Richard de Henley.

(*Circa* 1295).

(3)

Grant by John de Schireburne, to William and John, his sons, for their advancement, of all the land he bought of John de Bath, son of John de Porta, which is outside the North gate, viz., one messuage which is opposite the church of St. Michael, on the west side, between the land of Henry Cissor and the land which was formerly John Cutler's, and one croft by the barton of the Prior of Bath, on the east side, and one acre of arable land lying at the end of the said croft, on the north side, between the croft which is called Kinggescroft and the land of the said Prior. Rendering one mark to the grantor and his heirs yearly, and to the Lord Bishop for land gabel, at Hokeday, 1d.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor, Mayor ; John Milis ; Thomas Coke ; Gilbert Cissor ; William de Furno, and others.

(1280-1300).

(4)

Grant by William, son of Nicholas Boneclive, to William, son of Isabella de Clafferton, for twenty three shillings sterling, of certain land in the suburb of Bath, viz., that which is outside the North gate between the land of Thomas Koke on the north, and between the land of the hospital of St. John Baptist on the south and extending from a plot into the Avon. Rendering to the said William one rose at the Feast of St. John the Baptist, and seven pence halfpenny to the King at Hokeday for land gabel.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor, Mayor ; Gilberto Cissor, Provost ; John Mylis ; Thomas Koker ; William de Furno ; Richard de Henlegh ; Nicholas de Tanton, and others.

(Circa 1290).

(5)

Grant by William, son of Isabella de Claverton, for five marks, to John de Hampton, of certain land outside the North gate, between the land of the hospital of St. John, of Bath, on the south, and the land of Thomas Koker, where Reginald Golde dwelt, on the north, extending from a plot into the Avon. Rendering yearly to the Bishop for land gabel at Hokeday 7½d.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; John de Schyreburne, Provost ; John Milis ; Richard de Henleye, and others.

(Circa 1290).

(6)

Grant by Martin de Lantesdon, for thirty six shillings sterling, to Richard Legat, of two stalls in North street between the land of the monk of the work of the great church of Bath on the west, and the land of the said Richard on the east, by the wall of the churchyard of the monks. Rendering to Martin and his heirs a rose at the Nativity of John Baptist, and to the Bishop of Bath 2s. viz., at Hokeday 12d. and 12d. at Michaelmas.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, Mayor ; Gilbert Cissor ; Robert Coc (Coco) ; John Milis ; Thomas Sweyn ; John de Schyreburne, Provost ; Richard de Henley, and others.

(1280 or 1284).

(7)

Grant by Robert Chanutus, for four marks and a cloak worth a mark, to Master Robert de Castelford, of all his land which belonged to Sigrim, outside the Northgate, subject to an annual rent at Hockeday of 2d. to the said Robert and his heirs.

Witnesses : Henry de Monte Forti ; Roger and Alexander, his brothers ; Herbert de Hausweie ; Walter de Wika ; Thomas de Wika ; Richard de Forda ; Swein de Weston ; Sweine ; Gervase ; Serle (Parmentarius), and others.

(Circa 1270).

(8)

Grant by Walter Kywer, with the consent of Isabella, his wife, and of his heirs, to Geoffrey de Wike, for two marks and a half, of his messuage outside the Northgate. Rendering to Walter 4s. yearly, viz., 2s. at Hockeday and 2s. at Michaelmas, for all serv. except royal service.

Witnesses : Sweyn and Gervase de Bathon' ; David Parvus ; William Fresel ; John de Porta ; John Smith (Fabro) outside the gate ; Geoffrey Wissi ; Ernald Vingnur ; Thomas Scudi ; Kaskill de Weston, and the whole hundred of Bathon.

(Circa 1240).

(9)

Grant by Ellen de Bathon', daughter of Geoffrey de Wyke, relict of Richard le Hoper, for 13s. fine, to William, son of Cristina de Furno, of Bath, of all that land which Cristina held of Richard, the late husband of Ellen, to wit, twelve feet in width and 56 feet in length, which said land begins at the oven (a furno) of William and extends towards the river Avon, outside the North gate.

Witnesses : Richard Widfare ; John le Sumeter ; Godfrey Dyer (Tinctor) ; William de Wyke ; Richard de Henley, and others.

(Circa 1300).

(10)

Grant by Jordan Smith (Faber), to Adam, his son, for his service, of all his land acquired outside the North gate, quit of all secular service. Saving land gabel, viz., 2½d. at Hockeday. For which Adam is bound to provide him with the necessities of life according to his ability.

Witnesses : Sweyn and Gervase de Bathon' ; William Fresel ; John de Porta ; David Parvus ; Alured Kiuer ; John Smith (Fabro) ; Gerard Corveser ; Ernald Junior ; Walter Gudemay ; Andrew, son of Durand ; William Springold, and the whole hundred of Bath.

(Circa 1290).

(11)

Grant by Robert de Tonebrigge, citizen of Bath, to John de Tonebrigge, his son, of his tenement in North street which is between the tenement of John Cole, on the east, and the tenement of Nicholas Atezete, on the west, by the churchyard of the monks ; which (tenement) Roger de Stoke then held.

Witnesses : John le Bakere, Mayor ; John Cubbel, Provost ; John Cole ; Richard Wyteson ; Nicholas Atezete ; John le Dyare ; Goeffrey de Insula, and others.

(Circa 1316).

(12)

Grant by John Cole, citizen of Bath, to Robert de Tonebrugge, dyer, and Margery, his first wife, of all his tenement within his stalls, and a solar with a cellar containing in length and breadth the entrance of the hall and his nearest stall on the south, together with the curtilage to the said tenement adjacent, which said tenement lies in Northgate street, between the tenement of the Prior and Convent of Bradenstoke on the south, and a stall with a certain plot which Seygyth, wife of John le Kyng, of Bath, holds of the said John Cole for life, on the north. To hold for their lives with agreement for them to maintain the same in as good or better condition. Rendering annually 26s. 8d., with clause for forfeiture if the rent remains unpaid for one whole quarter. And if it should happen that the said John, Agnes, his wife, or John, their eldest son, be disinherited of the said tenement justly or unjustly it shall be lawful for John and his heirs to enter and inhabit the said tenement. Moreover it shall not be lawful for Robert to sell, lease, or alienate the same except by the will of the said John and of his heirs.

Witnesses : Peter le Brevytour, Mayor ; Walter Cook (Coco) ; Richard Wyteson ; Alexander de Leye ; Richard le Marchal ; Thomas Fynch ; Walter Golde.

Dated : Bath, Monday next after the Feast of Purification V.M., 6 Edw. II. (5 February, 1313).

(13)

Quitclaim by John le Kyng, and Seytha, his wife, to John Cole, of Bath, for a yearly payment of four shillings yearly during the life of the said Seytha, of all their right in a stall (selda) lying in North street between the land of the said John Cole on both sides.

Witnesses : Richard Wytesone, Mayor ; William Coc (Coco) ; Peter le Brevytour ; John de Wyke ; John de Southstoke, and others.

Dated : Bath, Day of St. Mark the Evangelist, 7 Edw. II. (25 April, 1314).

(14)

Release by Seygytha, relict of John le Kyng, of Bath, to John Cole, of Bath, of all her right in 4s. of yearly rent (as in No. 13).

Witnesses : John de Wyk, Mayor ; Roger Cole ; Richard le Boye ; Adam Wytson ; Galfridus Hamund, and others.

Dated : Bath, Friday next after the Feast of St. Gregory, 2 Edw. III. (18 March, 1328).

(15)

Grant by Richard Legat, son and heir of Richard Legat, of Bath, to Roger Cole, of Bath, of a tenement in North street, between the monks' churchyard and the lane leading to Lotgate, and the reversion of four shillings which Eva, relict of his father, takes from the said tenement for her life.

Witnesses : Adam Wytesone, Mayor ; John de Wyk ; John Cole ; Galfridus Hamund ; William Sweyn, and many others.

Dated : Bath, Conception of B. Mary, 2 Edw. III. (25 March, 1328).

(16)

Grant by John Cole de Bathon, to Roger Cole, for his life, of two stalls (seldas) in Northgate street lying between the entrance to the house of Roger Cole on the north and the stall belonging to the aforesaid John Cole on the south, subject to his keeping it in proper repair.

Witnesses : Adam Wytesone ; John de Brome, Provost ; Geoffrey Hamund ; Thomas Funtel ; Richard le Boye ; William Adeu ; Henry le Marshal, and others.

Dated : Bath, Sunday the Feast of St. Kalixtus the Pope, 4 Edw. III (14 October, 1330).

(17)

Quitclaim by Amicia, who was the wife of John de Hampton, called la fyssare, to Nicholas, her son, of all her right in a tenement in the suburb of Bath, lying between the tenement of Reginald Golde on the north and the tenement which Richard le Mazon holds on the south ; which house her said husband, John, bequeathed in his will to the said Nicholas after her decease.

Witnesses : William Cook, Mayor ; William Scuel ; Reginald Golde ; John Columbel ; Thomas de Bristoll, and others.

Dated : Friday next before the Feast of Holy Trinity, 32 Edw. I. (22 May, 1304).

(18)

Grant by Nicholas Folyot, for six marks of silver, to Richard Scorch, and Joan, his wife, of a tenement in the suburb of Bath, lying between the tenement of Reginald Golde on the north and the tenement which Richard le Machon holds on the south, subject to the payment to the Bishop of Bath for land gabel seven pence and a half-penny at Hockeday.

Witnesses : Peter le Brevitor, Mayor ; Alex de Leye, Provost ; William Coc (Coco) ; Richard the miller ; Benedict de Stoke ; Reginald Golde ; John Columbel ; Thomas de Bristol ; John de Wike, and others.

Dated : Bath, Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1 Edw. II. (21 September, 1307).

(19)

Grant by Peter le Brevitor, of Bath, to William Smith (Fabro), nephew of Juliana, wife of the said Peter, and to Joan, wife of the said William, for his service, of a tenement lying between the land of Reginald Golde on the north part and the land which Richard le Machon holds on the south.

Witnesses : Richard Wytesone, Mayor ; William Coc (Coco) ; Reginald Golde ; Richard Marescallus ; Thomas de Bristol ; Robert de Hampton ; John of South-stoke, and others.

Dated : Bath, Wednesday the Vigil of All Saints, 7 Edw. II. (31 October, 1313).

(20)

Grant by Joan Scorch, widow of Richard Scorch, of Bath, to Roger Cole, of Bath, and Joan, his wife, of her tenement, &c., in the suburb of Bath, outside the North gate, between the tenement of Robert, son of Reginald Golde, on the north,

and the tenement which Thomas le Machon, son of Richard le Machon, holds on the south, which tenement the said Joan had of the feoffment of Nicholas Folyot.

Witnesses : Alexander Dyer (Tincter), Mayor ; Adam Whiteson ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Boye ; Henry Marshal (Marescallo) ; William de Cumyngton ; Thomas de Thame, Provost, and others.

Dated : Bath, 6 August, 8 Edw. III. (1334).

(21)

Grant by Joan, relict of John Cole, son of John Cole, of Bath, in her pure widowhood, to William Swayn, of Bath, of her tenement, &c., in the suburb of Bath, outside the North gate, between the tenement of Robert Golde on the north and the tenement of Thomas le Machon on the south ; which tenement she had of the feoffment of Joan, relict of Richard Scorch, of Bath.

Witnesses : Roger Crist, Mayor ; Alexander le Deyare ; Adam Whytesone ; Henry Hurel ; William Cubbul ; Richard le Boye ; Henry le Mareshal, and others.

Dated : Sunday next before the Feast of St. Vincent the Martyr, 14 Edw. III. (21 January, 1340-41).

(22)

Release by Joan Cole to William Swayn (as in No. 21).

Sealed by the Mayor by special request.

Witnesses : Roger Cryst, Mayor ; Alexander Dyer (Tincter) ; Adam Whyteson ; Henry Hurel ; Henry Marshal (Marescallo), and others.

Dated : Tuesday after the Feast of St. Vincent the Martyr, 14 Edw. III. (23 January, 1340-41).

(23)

Grant by William Sweyn, of Bath, to Robert de Bath, burgess of Bristol, of his tenement with the curtilage outside the North gate, between the tenement of Robert Golde on the north and the tenement of Thomas le Machoun on the south.

Witnesses : Alexander le Dyere, Mayor ; Adam Whitesone ; Richard le Vynour ; Henry Hurel ; Roger Cryst ; William Kubbel, and others.

Dated : Bath, Monday next after the Feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle, 15 Edw. III. (18 June, 1341).

(24)

Grant by Robert de Bathon', burgess of Bristol, to Eustace de Button, and Matilda, his first wife, for their lives, and the life of the survivor, of a tenement, &c., outside the North gate, between the tenement of Robert Golde on the north and the tenement of the Master and brethren of St. John the Baptist on the south ; which tenement was formerly called the tenement of Scorch. Rendering to Robert de Bathon' six shillings and eight pence to be paid quarterly, and to the rector of St. Michael outside the North gate four shillings and four pence to be paid one penny a week, and seven pence halfpenny to the Bishop of Bath for land gabel, and ten pence annually for rent called Stakepeny. Eustace and Matilda to leave the tene-

ment in as good or better condition and if the charges are not paid for six months Robert to have the right of re-entry.

Witnesses : Alexander Dyer (Tincto), Mayor ; Adam the miller ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Vynour ; Batin Dyer (Tincto), and others.

Dated : Bath, 16 February, 16 Edw. III. (1342-43).

(25)

Release by Joan, widow of Roger Cole, of Bath, to John Cole, of all the right she had in four shops (shopis) with the solars over the shops on each side of the hall door, which the said Roger and Joan, his wife, formerly held in Northgate street of the demise of the said John.

The seal of the Mayor of Bath.

Witnesses : Adam Whyteson, Mayor , William Swayn ; Roger Cryst ; Thomas Fontel ; Thomas Stote ; Robert Plonte ; John Gynelegh.

Dated : Bath, Saturday next before the Feast of St. John the Baptist, 17 Edw. III. (21 June, 1343).

(26)

Release by William Sweyn, of Bath, to William de Iforde, of all his right in the tenement in North street between the churchyard of the monks, called " le Lutton," on the south, and the lane which goes towards Lotyate, on the north.

Witnesses : Alexander le Deyar, Mayor ; Adam Whyteson ; Roger Cryst ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Vygynour ; Richard le Boye ; Adam de Farlegh, and others.

Dated : Bath, 11 July, 15 Edw. III (1341).

(27)

Release by Robert de Nacton, citizen of Bath, to William de Ifford, of all his right in all that messuage which he had of the gift of Richard Legat, citizen of Bath, for his life ; and which said messuage lies in North street at the head of the lane going toward Lotgate.

Witnesses : Alexander le Dycghere, Mayor ; Adam Wytesone ; William Swayn ; William Kubbel ; Robert Plonte, and others.

Dated : Bath, Friday the Vigil of the Nativity of B.V. Mary, 15 Edw. III. (31 December, 1341).

(28)

Grant by Richard Legat, for twenty four shillings sterling, to Richard de Warewyke, of a stall (seldam) in North street between the land of the monk of the work of the great church of Bath on the west and his own land of the east, by the wall of the churchyard of the monks. Rendering annually to the Bishop of Bath 12d. for all secular service and demand.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, Mayor ; Gilbert Tailor (Cissor) ; Robert Cook (Coco) ; John Milis ; Thomas Sweyn ; John de Schyreburne, Provost ; Richard de Henleye, and others.

(1280 or 1284).

(29)

Grant by Richard de Warewyke to Henry Hercy, for 3 marks and a half, of a stall (seldam) in North street, which is between the land of the monk of the work of the cathedral church of Bath on the west and the land of Richard Legat on the east, by the wall of the monks' churchyard. Rendering to the Bishop of Bath yearly twelve pence by two instalments, viz., six pence at Hockday and six pence at Michaelmas.

Witnesses : Gilbert Tailor (Cissor), Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Stephen Pystor, Provost ; William Scuel ; Eustace Mercator ; Nicholas Chinerel ; John de Doveve, and others.

(*Circa* 1285).

(30)

Grant by Margaret, daughter of Robert Little (Parvus), to Robert de Yford, for sixteen shillings sterling, of her curtilage outside the North gate which Master Robert gave to her, which lies between the land of the hospital of St. John the Baptist and the land which belonged to James the smith (faber). Rent to her and her heirs of one penny of silver at Michaelmas for all service. Saving five pence to the King yearly at Hockeday for land gabel. And if they are not able to warrant the same they will make to them reasonable exchange from other lands either inside or outside Bath.

Witnesses : John de Porta ; David Parvus ; William Fresel ; John Coc ; Jordan de Henlegh ; Walter de Claferton ; Gerard outside the gate ; Ernald le Vinnur ; William Mansoil ; John the smith (faber), and many others.

(*Circa* 1290).

(31)

Grant by John Fynch, citizen of Bath, to John de Cumbe, tailor, Mayor of Bath, and to the Commonalty, of all his right in a tenement which lies between the land of Nicholas Chinerel on the west and the highway which leads to Northgate street on the east and also in a shop (shoppa) opposite the said tenement, between the land of the monk of the work of the Priory of Bath on both sides.

Witnesses : Roger de Sokewik ; Gilbert Cissor, William Scuel ; John le Venur ; John de Syrburn ; Eustace Mercator ; John de Doveve, and others.

(1280-1290).

(32)

Grant by Felicia de Ford, in her free widowhood, to Reginald Wytesone, of a plot of land by the North gate, towards the west. Rendering yearly 3s. to be paid at four terms. After the decease of Reginald, his wife, and one heir, the heirs or assigns of Reginald shall render 4s. every year.

Witnesses : William Scuel, Mayor ; Henry Batyn, Provost ; William Cocus ; John de Scyrburn ; Thomas Sweyn ; Ralph Tabernarius ; Richard the miller, and others.

(1302-3).

(33)

Grant by Felicia, widow of Thomas de Forde, to Edelina, her daughter, of the 3s. yearly rent payable by Reginald Whyteson for the tenement in North street opposite the church of St. Mary of Northgate on the west and the tenement of the Almoner of the Priory of Bath on the south to the gaol of the same city. To hold the said rent with the reversions to the said Edelina, her heirs and assigns.

Witnesses : William Cook (Cocus), Mayor ; Peter le Brevytur ; Richard Whitesone ; John Cole ; John de Wyke, and others.

Dated : Bath, Monday the Feast of St. Petronilla the Virgin, 4 Edw. II. (31 May, 1311).

(34)

Grant by Edelina, daughter of Thomas de Forde, deceased, and Felicia, his wife, to Alexander Dyer (Tinctur), of Bath, and to Ellen, his wife, of 3s. rent which she was accustomed to take from them from the tenement they formerly held of her in Northgate street, opposite the church of St. Mary of Northgate on the west, and on the north the house of the Almoner of the Priory of Bath, on the south the gaol of the said City, together with the reversion of the said rent.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; Richard Wytesone ; Adam Wytesone, his son ; John called le Bakere ; Richard le Boye ; William Adeu ; John Dyer (Tinctur).

Dated : Bath, —————* Purification of St. Mary, 14 Edw. II. (— February, 1320–21).

(35)

Release by John de Forde, son and heir of Thomas de Forde, deceased, and Felicia, his wife, to Alexander Dyer (Tinctur), of Bath, and Ellen, his wife, of all their right in three shillings of yearly rent from a tenement in North street opposite the church of St. Mary of Northgate, which (rent) Edelina, John's sister, gave and enfeofed by a charter.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; Richard Wytesone ; Adam Wytesone, his son ; John called le Bakere ; Richard le Boye ; William Adeu ; John Tinctur, and others.

Dated : Bath, Monday next after the Feast of the Purification of St. Mary, 14 Edw. II. (9 February, 1320–21).

(36)

Grant by Alexander Dyer (Tinctur), of Bath, to Henry Marshal (Marescallo), and Isabella, his wife, for their lives, of all his messuage with the curtilage and appurtenances in North street, between the land of Nicholas de Porta, on the south, and the way by the walls of the city, on the north, and extending from the said street, in front, to the tenement of Geoffrey Hamond, behind. Paying yearly twelve shillings pence (sic) at four terms, with forfeiture if the rent be in arrear for three months. The messuage, &c., to be restored at the end of the time in as good or better state as they first received it.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; John Cole ; John de Wyke ; Richard le Boye ; John Tinctur, Provost, and others.

Dated : Bath, 1 October, 19 Edw. II. (1325).

* Illegible.

(37)

Grant by John Marshal (Marescallus), of Bath, with the assent of Matilda, his wife, for one mark sterling, to Richard Harold, then Marshal of the Prior of Bath, of all his smithy which lies outside the North gate, on the east side. Rendering to him twelve pence yearly, viz., at Hockeday six pence and at Michaelmas six pence.

Witnesses : Thomas Sweyn, Mayor ; Geoffrey Clerk (Clericus), Provost ; William Cook (Cocus) ; Ralph Tabernarius ; John de Scyburn ; William Scuel ; Reginald Golde, and others.

Dated : Bath, 4th nones March, 24 Edw. I. (7 March, 1205-6).

(38)

Grant by Richard, son of Richard le Knyt, of Bath, for five marks, to Richard Hunderwode, of all his land in the suburb of Bath, to wit, that which is outside the North gate between the land of Walter Plonte and the land which formerly belonged to Richard Witfare, extending from the plot (placea) into the Avon. Rendering a rose at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist for all service, etc., except five pence at Hockeday to the Lord Bishop for land gabel, and three shillings and four pence to the Abbey of St. Augustine of Bristol.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor, Henry Cissor ; John Milys ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; John de Schireburne, Provost, and others.

(*Circa* 1360).

(39)

Same as No. 38.

Witnessed by the same as before and at the special request of Richard Swetyng and Edith, his wife, in whose custody the deed is deposited, by the seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnessed by Walter Carpenter, Mayor ; John Gregory ; Thomas Stote ; Robert Dyare ; Thomas Carvile ; John Milverton.

Dated : Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, 35 Edw. III. (26 April, 1361).

(40)

Grant by Nicholas Coker, of Bath, to God and the Church of the Apostles Peter and Paul, Bath, to Walter, the Prior, and to the Convent and especially to the Chantry of the same house, of all his tenement by the north wall of the city, between the land which once belonged to Roger le Yreys, chaplain, on the east, and the land which was of William de Furno, on the west. To hold in free alms. Saving to the chief lord of the fee 2½d. yearly at Hockeday for land gabel.

Witnesses : Henry le Tayllur, Mayor ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; Gilbert le Taillur ; John Mylis ; John Cook (Cocus) ; Richard le Knyth ; Richard de Henleyghe, and others.

Dated : Bath, St. Michaelmas Day, 5 Edw. I. (29 September, 1277).

Note on the bottom of the deed :—

“ Since the death of Ed. 5th is 179 years July 22nd, 1662. This deed shew that there was a church longe before this is standinge knowne by the name of Peter and Paul.”

(41)

Grant by Richard Budde, of Bath, son and heir of Roger Budde, formerly citizen of Bath, to John le Tayllur, citizen, for his service, of all claim in two burgages (burgagies) in North street of which one is situate by the land which once belonged to Henry Absalon, on the south side, and the land of Walter the bedell (bedelli), on the north, and the other burgage is situate between the tenement once belonging to Richard de Henle, on the north, and the aforesaid land of Walter the bedell, on the south. To hold the same as freely, etc., as is contained in the charters by which the said Richard enfeofed the said John.

Witnesses : William Suel, Mayor ; Thomas Sweyn ; Master William Cook (Cocus) ; Adam Fuller (Fullo) ; John le Venur, citizens of Bath, and others.

Dated : Bath, Tuesday the Vigil of the Nativity of B. Mary, 22 Edw. I. (7 September, 1294).

(42)

Grant by Reginald de Loddclowe, with the assent of Nichola, his wife, for two marks, to John de Dunsterre, tailor, of two shillings rent in Bath payable twelve pence at Midsummer and twelve pence at Christmas arising from the tenement which William de Budeston holds in North street ; situate between the tenement of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the north, and the tenement of John de Farnlegh, on the south. Rent to Reginald and his heirs a sprig of gilliflower at Hockeday.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; William le Nyweman, Provost ; Roger Cole ; William Ory ; John de Wyk, and others.

Dated : Bath, Feast of the Annunciation, 16 Edw. II. (25 March, 1323).

(43)

Grant by John de Dunsterre, tailor, to Robert of Dunsterre, citizen, of two shillings yearly rent payable at Midsummer and Christmas arising from the tenement which Richard Golde holds for ever in North street, on the west side, which tenement is situate between the tenement of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the north, and that of John Plonte, on the south.

Seal of the Mayor of Bath.

Witnesses : Thomas Stote, Mayor ; William Cubbel ; Walter, the carpenter ; Thomas de Tame ; Robert le Deighere ; Robert de Wyke, and others.

Dated : Bath, Monday the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, 23 Edw. III. (29 June, 1349).

(44)

Deed by which John de Farlegh, Thomas de Saltforde and Alice de Farlegh, his wife, acknowledge that they are bound to William le Bost, of Wroxhale, in twelve pence of yearly rent from their tenement in the town (villa) of Bath, in North street ; which tenement William de Farlegh had of the gift of Thomas of Lavington, in Bath, and which tenement is situate between the tenement of Robert Plonte on one side, and the tenement of William Oteley on the other side. The rent to be paid at four terms, and for which they charge their heirs and all their goods movable and immov-

able, under a penalty of twenty shillings to be paid to the Holy Land. For this grant William gave them sixteen shillings.

Witnesses : Roger Cryst, Mayor ; Adam le Miulleward ; Robert Plonte ; John atte Halle ; Roger de Berleghe ; Richard Poyntz ; William Freman ; John atte Putte ; John atte Forde, and others.

Dated : Bath, Tuesday before the Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, 14 Edw. III. (22 August, 1340).

(45)

Grant by William le Bost, of Wroxhale, to John de Lewes, son of John de Lewes, of twelve pence yearly rent mentioned in No. 44. (Conditions as in No. 44).

Witnesses : William Kubbel, Mayor ; Adam le Miulleward ; John atte Halle ; Roger de Berlegh ; Richard Poynz ; William Freman ; John atte Putte ; John atte Forde.

Dated at Bath, Friday next after the Feast of St. Martin the Bishop, 16 Edw. III. (12 November, 1342).

(46)

Grant by Robert Plonte, son of Walter Plonte, of Bath, to William de Heywaye and to Roger, son of John Marmyon, and the heirs of the said William, of a messuage in the suburb by the North gate, between the tenement of Thomas le Kynt, on the south, and the lane called Froggemerelane, on the north ; which said messuage Robert had of the feoffment of the aforesaid Thomas le Knyt.

Witnesses : Adam Wytesone, Mayor ; John Brome, Provost ; Richard Harold, Marshal ; Robert Dyer (Tincter) ; William de Kymyngthon ; Walter Golde ; John Columbel, and others.

Dated : Bath, Wednesday the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 3 Edw. III. (21 December, 1329).

(47)

Release by William de Heyweye, to Roger, son of John Marmyon, of Button, of all right in a messuage granted to him by Robert, son of Walter Plonte, of Bath.

Witnesses : Adam Whytesone, Mayor ; John Brome, Provost ; Richard Harold, Marshal ; Robert Dyer (Tincter) ; William de Kymyngton ; Walter Golde ; John Columbel, and others.

Dated : Bath, Thursday the morrow of St. Thomas the Apostle, 3 Edw. III. (22 December, 1329).

(48)

Release by Roger Marmyon, son of John Marmyon, to Robert Grigori, called le Dyere, of his right in a cottage outside the North gate, between the tenement of the said Robert, on the south, and the lane called Froggemerlane, on the north ; which said cottage he had of the gift and feoffment of William de Heyweye.

Seal of the Mayor of Bath.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Adam Whytesone ; Robert Plonte ; Robert Wysdom ; William de Kymenton, and others.

Dated : Bath, Monday the Feast of St. Hilliary, 16 Edw. III. (13 January, 1342-43).

(49)

Grant by William le Neyumaistor, burgess of Bristol, to Benedict Hercy, of Bath, of his tenement in Northgate street, situate between the tenement of John Cole, on one side, and that of Margaret Gynele, on the other.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; Adam Whiteson ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Ragur ; John de Aula ; William Sweyne, and many others.

Dated : Bath, Friday next after the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, 5 Edw. III. (26 April, 1331).

(50)

Release by John Gynelegh, to John Gregori, citizen, of his right in a toft in Northgate street, between the tenement of Walter Carpenter, on the south, and that which John Kent holds, on the north.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Walter, the carpenter ; John de Whittokesmede ; Robert Deighere ; Richard Sadclere ; Henry Clerk, and others.

Dated : Bath, Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Leonard, 36 Edw. III. (7 November, 1362).

(51)

Grant by Adam de Eynesham, and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of Benedict Hercy, to John Gregori, citizen of Bath, of a tenement in Northgate street, situate between the tenement of Walter le Carpenter, on one side, and the tenement which Roger of Prisshton lately inhabited, on the other side.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Walter le Carpenter ; Robert le Deigher ; John de Whittokesmede ; Galfride le Nyweman ; Nicholas Swayn, and others.

Dated : Bath, 6 Oct : 36 Edw. III. (1362).

(52)

Grant by Adam de Eynesham, and Alice, daughter and heir of Benedict Hercy, to John Gregori, citizen, of the same tenement (as in No. 51).

Seal of the Commonalty of Bath.

Witnesses : Walter Carpenter ; Robert Deigher ; John Whittokesmede ; Geoffrey Nyweman ; Nicholas Swayn, and others.

Dated : Bath, 6 Oct : 36 Edw. III. (1362).

(53)

Adam de Eynesham, and Alice, daughter and heir of Benedict Hercy, grant power of attorney to Walter Carpenter and Robert Deigher, citizens, to deliver seisin of the tenement in Northgate street (as in No. 51) to John Gregori.

Same date as No. 51.

(54)

Grant by John Gregori, citizen of Bath, to Walter Carpenter, citizen, of a toft in Northgate street, between the tenement of the said Walter and the tenement which Roger de Prisshton formerly inhabited ; which toft Adam de Eynesham and

Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of Benedict Hercy, granted to John, and afterwards the said Adam and Alice rendered the said toft to the said John in the King's Court.

Seal of the Commonalty of Bath.

Witnesses : John Whittokesmede, Mayor ; Robert Deigher ; William Goldsmyth ; John Natton ; Galfridus Nyweman ; Nicholas Swayn, and others.

Dated : Bath, 3 Feb : 38 Edw. III. (1364).

(55)

Release by John Gregori, citizen, to Walter Carpenter, of all his right in a toft in Northgate street, between the tenement of the said Walter and that which Roger of Prisshton inhabited, which toft etc. (as in No. 54).

Seal of the Commonalty of Bath.

Witnesses : John Whittokesmede, Mayor ; Robert Deigher ; William Goldsmyth ; John Natton ; Nicholas Swayn, and others.

Dated : Bath, 1 May, 38 Edw. III. (1364).

(56)

John Gregori appoints Robert le Deygher and John Natton, citizens, his attornies to deliver seisin of the toft (as in No. 54).

Dated : Bath, 3 February, 38 Edw. III. (1363-64).

(57)

Grant by Walter Carpenter, citizen, to John Compe, citizen, of a toft lying between his own tenement and the tenement in which Thomas Carvyle lives, etc. (as in No. 54).

Seal of the Commonalty of Bath.

Witnesses : John Gregori, Mayor ; John Whyttokesmede ; Robert Wattes ; Walter Merkele , Richard Sadelere ; William Cooke ; John Natton ; John Mulverton, and others.

Dated : 29 Aug : 45 Edw. III. (1371).

(58)

Release by Walter Carpenter to John Compe of the toft (as in No. 54).

Seal of the Commonalty of Bath.

Witnesses : John Gregori, Mayor ; John Whyttokesmede ; Robert Wattes ; John Natton ; Walter Merkele ; John Mulverton ; William Cooke, and others.

Dated : Bath, 30 Aug : 45 Edw. III. (1371).

(59)

Release by Walter Merkele, citizen, to John Compe, of all his right in the same toft (as in No. 54).

Witnesses : John Gregory, Mayor ; John Whyttokesmede ; Robert Wattes ; William Goldsmyth ; Thomas Carvyle, and others.

Dated : Bath, 3 Sept. : 45 Edw. III. (1371).

(60)

Release by John le Reede, burgess of Bristol, to John Compe, of Bath, of all right he could have to the same toft (as in No. 54).

Seal of the Mayor of Bath.

Witnesses : John Gregory, Mayor ; John Whyttokesmede ; Robert Wattes ; John Natton ; John Mulverton, and others.

Dated : Bath, 12 Sept : 45 Edw. III. (1371).

(61)

Grant by Alice Compe, daughter and heir of John Compe, citizen of Bath, and Christina, his wife, to Walter Ryche, Robert Walley and Robert Drewe, all of Bath, of two shops with the cellar built under, in Northgate street, between the tenement which Thomas Helyer holds, on the north, and the tenement which John Norfolk holds, on the south, and one stall in Paynestwychyn within the city of Bath, between the barn which John Eyton holds, on the north, and the stable which Felicia Yewyll holds, on the south ; and also of one garden lying by lez burghewalles within the said city, between Thomas Martyn's garden on the east and the aforesaid barn of John Eyton on the west.

Witnesses : Ralph Hunte, Mayor ; Richard Wydcombe ; William Phelyppes ; John Savage ; John Northfolke, and others.

Dated : Bath, 10 April, 8 Hen. VI. (1430).

(62)

Release by Alice Compe (same grantees premises and witnesses as in No. 61).

Dated : 1 May, 8 Henry VI. (1430).

(63)

Appointment by Alicia Compe, of Robert Langeworthy and William Carter, citizens of Bath, as attorneys, to deliver seisin of premises (as in No. 61).

Witnesses : Ralph Hunte, Mayor ; John Savage ; William Eynesham, and others.

Dated : Bath, 10 April, 8 Henry VI. (1430).

(64)

Grant by John Hendeman, alias Bathe, and Alicia, his wife, to Cristina Compe, of two shops which they had of the feoffment of John Compe, citizen, Cristina's late husband. (Which shops) are situate in Northgate street between the tenement of John Nacton on one side and the tenement of Thomas Carvyle on the other side. To hold for her life. Rendering yearly 1d. at Michaelmas.

Witnesses : Robert Waspray, Mayor ; Richard Thorne ; Sewyl Frauncys ; John Heyward, and others.

Dated : Bath, Feast of the Nativity of B. Mary, 17 Rich. II. (8 September, 1393).

(65)

Grant by John Chaumpflour, chaplain, to John Wolmere and Isabella, his wife, of all that tenement in Northgate street which Roger Crist once held, where the market is situate ; and of the reversion of one cottage near Lotgate which John Sambourne holds. Rendering yearly to the Bishop of Bath 2 marks.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Thomas Stote ; Walter le Carpenter ; Robert le Deighere ; Robert de Wyke ; Robert de Dunsterre ; John Tope ; John Gregory, and others.

Dated : Bath, Sunday next after the Feast of St. George the Martyr, 24 Edw. III. (25 April, 1350).

(66)

Indenture by which John Wolmere (after reciting No. 65) wills that the said John Chaumpflour shall have one innerchamber next the hall door of the said tenement on the south side, for his life.

Dated at Bath, Monday next after the Invention of the Holy Cross, 25 Edw. III. (9 May, 1351).

(67)

Grant by William de Wyke, son of Walter de Wyke, citizen of Bath, to Robert, his son, of twenty shillings yearly rent which Robert Dyer (Tincter), and Emma, his wife, were accustomed to render for a tenement and curtilage which they hold of William for their lives and the said Robert and Emma once held of John de Wyke, William's brother, outside the Northgate, between the tenement of Sir William de Bathon', on the north, and the tenement which Robert Whyteson holds of the said William de Wyke, on the south, and the said curtilage lies between the curtilage of the Prior of Bath, on the east, and the land which William de Kemyngton holds of the said William de Bathon', on the west ; also grant of the reversion of the said house and curtilage. To hold the said rent with the reversion of the said tenement &c., for the term of their lives.

Witnesses : Alexander Dyer (Tincter), Mayor ; Adam Whyteson ; John Cole ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Boy ; Roger Cole ; William de Kemyngton, and others.

Dated : Bath, 21 Apr : 6 Edw. III. (1332).

(68)

Declaration of Robert de Wyke, clerk, son of William de Wyke, clerk :—

Since I have understood by the relation of many trustworthy persons of the City and hundred of Bath Foreign that the said William, my father, granted to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, for ever, an annual rent of 13 shillings and 4 pence, at the four terms there usual, to be taken from his tenement outside the Northgate, which John de Wyke, clerk, William's brother, acquired, raised, and afterwards inhabited, and which tenement is situate between the tenement which John Gregory holds, on the north, and that which Juliana de Wyke held near Froggelane, on the

south, which gift and grant to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath freely made by my father I confirm for my heirs for ever. If any of the rent be in arrear for three months it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Commonalty to distrain for the same.

Witnesses : John de Sancto Laudo ; Walter de Rodeney, Kt. ; John de Gorney, Kt. ; James Huse, Kt. ; William de Yford ; Henry Chaumpeneys ; Edmund Blount ; John de Forde ; John de Wytokesmede.

Dated : Bath, 8 March, 29 Edw. III. (1354-55).

(69)

Richard Aylmer, citizen and mercer of London, appoints Robert Rustom, his servant, his attorney, to deliver seisin to Richard Wythecombe, "ferroure," John Savage, the elder, "taverner," John Pork, "bocher," and William Radstoke, "ostiler," or (any) of them his attorneys (to deliver seisin) of a tenement in Northgate street, between the tenements of the Mayor and Commonalty, according to the form and effect of a charter made by him to the said Richard (and others).

Dated : 1 October, 3 Henry V. (1415).

(70)

Release by Joan, who was the daughter and heir of Robert Wysdom, citizen, and of Alice, his wife, to John Gregory, citizen, of all her claim in one stall (selda) otherwise called a shop (shopa), with the curtilage, &c., outside the Northgate, situate between the tenement of the said John, on the south, and the tenement of Thomas Cumyngton, on the north ; reserving to the grantee for life six shillings of yearly rent issuing from the said shop as in a deed made to the said John and Agnes, his wife, is more fully contained.

Witnesses : John Compe ; Robert Wattes ; John Nacton ; John Wysdom ; William Reus, and others.

Dated : Bath, 1 March, 1 Rich. II. (1377-78).

(71)

Release by Amicia Forde, relict of Richard de Forde, to William Bartelott, citizen, and Alice, his wife, of all her right in a tenement with an oven (furno) in Bath, in Northgate street.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Savage, Mayor ; John Northfolk, Bailiff ; John Lacok and John Sowell, constables, and others.

Dated : Bath, Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, 10 Hen. IV. (24 August, 1409).

(72)

Release by Amice, daughter of Richard Forde, to William Bartelott, of the same tenement (as in No. 71).

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : (as in No. 71).

Dated : Thursday before the Nativity of B.V.M. 10 Hen. IV. (5 September, 1409).

(73)

Grant by Isabella and Cristina, daughters and heirs of John Tunbrygge, of Bath, to John Gregory, John Compe and Richard Bedul, citizens, of one messuage in North street, situate between the messuage of Thomas Jose, on the east, and the messuage of Walter Maynard, on the west. To hold to the said John, John and Richard, their heirs and assigns. Rendering 2d. to the chief lords of the fee for all services.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Robert Wattes ; John Natton ; Sewall Franceys ; Robert Waspray ; Richard Forde, and others.

Dated at Bath, 28 Aug. 4 Ric. II. (1380).

(74)

Release of the premises (as in No. 73).

Dated : 1 Sept. : 4 Ric. II. (1380).

(75)

Grant by Walter Ryche, citizen, to William Phelippes, Mayor, and to his successors mayors of the city, of a yearly rent of six shillings to be paid quarterly in respect of a tenement in Northgate street, between the tenement of John Blonte, on the north, and a tenement of the Commonalty, on the south (with a clause of distress and forfeiture for non payment).

Witnesses : Robert Drewe ; John Whytynge, the elder, coroners ; John Westehope ; John Herford, cofferers ; John Bygge, and others.

Dated : 31 May, 13 Hen. VI. (1435).

(76)

Grant by Roger Crist, Mayor, &c., to William de Keomyngton, and Agnes, his wife, of a curtilage in the parish of St. Michael outside the North gate, which lies between the croft of St. John the Baptist, of Bath, on the west, and the curtilage of Thomas Buryman, and Margery, his wife, which they hold of the Mayor, &c., for their lives, and the curtilage of Adam Dodyng, and Julianna, his wife, John Rolf, and Juliana, his wife, and also of Richard le Tyllare, which are held of John Joly, called the Plomer, on the east, and the curtilage of the said William de Keomyngton, and Agnes, his wife, on the south, which they hold of William de Bath, son of John de Shyrebourne, and the meadow of William Dammolse, of Wells, and Joan, his wife, of the inheritance of the same Joan, daughter of William Cook (Cocus), of Bath, on the north, and their said curtilage contains from the said croft of St. John's, on the west, to the curtilage on the east, 108 royal feet, and in length from the said meadow on the north to the curtilage of the said William de Keomyngton, and Agnes, his wife, 96 royal feet. To have and to hold the said curtilage with the west ditch and the north close to the said William and Agnes for their lives in survivorship. Rendering to the cofferers of the Mayor, &c., two shillings yearly at four terms. Clause against alienation without the assent of the Mayor &c. The same to be

forfeited if the rent be three month in arrear, or the property allowed to fall into decay. After the death of William and Agnes the said curtilage &c., to revert to the Commonalty.

Witnesses : Adam Whyteson ; William Sweyn ; Alexander le Deyar ; Henry Hurel ; William Cubbel, and others.

Dated : Bath, 18 October, 13 Edw. III. (1339).

(77)

Lease by Robert le Deighere, Mayor, &c., to John le Smyth, and Edith, his first wife, and Agnes, their daughter, of a smithy (fabrica) with a shop adjacent, on the east of the Northgate, for their lives in survivorship. Rent 5s. 8d. yearly and twelve pence to the Bishop by payments at St. Michael and Hockeday with covenant for repairing.

Dated : Thursday, the Feast of the Assumption, 27 Edw. III. (15 August, 1353).

(78)

Indenture by which William Stanburgh, Mayor of Bath, and the Commonalty, grant and confirm to Alice Bolton, late relict of John Bolton, citizen, fuller, and to Margery, her daughter, their tenement in Northgate street, which John Velour now inhabits, and which is situate between the tenement of the bailiff of the King which John Doune lately inhabited, on the south, and their tenement which John Southe, baker, formerly inhabited, on the north. To hold with the garden adjacent, with free ingress and egress to the outer gate of the Guild Hall, for their lives in survivorship. Rendering annually to the Mayor and Commonalty thirty shillings for all services saving royal service, with agreement to maintain in good order and of forfeiture if the rent is in arrears for one month and demanded.

Witnesses : William Stanburgh, Mayor ; John Steete ; John Tomas ; Aldermen, and others.

Dated : Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 8 Edw. IV. (23 June, 1468).

(79)

Grant by William Stanburgh, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Roger Ricard, citizen, and Ellen, his wife, of a tenement with the garden adjacent in Northgate street towards the high cross wherein he dwells, between the tenement of the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the North gate, on the north, and their tenement which John Waxmaker holds, on the south, for the term of their lives in survivorship. Rent sixteen shillings at the four usual terms, with forfeiture if the rent is over one month in arrear or they fail to repair or sell without leave.

Seals of the Commonalty and of Roger and Ellen.

Witnesses : William Stanburgh, Mayor ; Hugo Goldyng ; Andrew Beddford and Robert Rogers, Aldermen ; Robert Batyn, Richard Rede, Constables ; Thomas Jonys, Bailiff, and others.

Dated : Bath, Friday next after the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 15 Edw. IV. (30 June, 1475).

(80)

Grant by Walter Ryche, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to Roger Stanborowe, citizen, and Alice, his wife, and David and William, their sons, for their lives successively, of their new tenement called Goldesplace, in Northgate street, between the tenement of the church and parishioners of the B.M. within the North gate, which William Hore holds, on the south, and the tenement of the Lord Prior of Bath which John Mounferam inhabits, on the north. Rendering yearly payment to them or to their cofferers 26s. 8d. at the four usual terms with forfeiture for not repairing or alienating without leave or not paying within one month.

Seals of the Commonalty and Roger Stanborowe.

Witnesses : Walter Ryche, Mayor ; William Felpys ; William Hokekyns ; John Tregollys, bailiff ; Thomas Abell, and others.

Dated : Bath, 25 June, 21 Hen. VI. (1443).

(81)

Indenture made 12th June, 37 Hen. VIII., Defender of the Faith in Earth of the Church of England and Ireland Supreme Head, by which William Horsyngton, Mayor, and the whole council to ferm let to Robert Macy, and Margaret, his wife, and to their children, Agnes, John, Robert, Harry, Boniface, successively, a tenement in Northgate street which Robert now holds, and it bounds upon the highway of the same, on the east, and extends in length to a ground of the Mayor and Council on the west and in breadth from a tenement of the said Mayor, &c., which Richard Chapman holds, on the south, and a tenement of the said Mayor, &c., on the north. To hold for their lives or for sixty years. Rent eight shillings yearly payable quarterly (with contract for repairs &c., and forfeiture if rent be not paid within a month if lawfully demanded).

(1545).

(82)

Grant by John Coc, of Notyngham, to Richard Budel, and John Hayward, citizens, of the moiety of one messuage and four shillings yearly rent from the same messuage, lying in Northgate street by the messuage of Walter Maynard, on the east. To hold to them and their heirs.

Witnesses : John Compe ; John Nacton ; Robert Wattes ; William Couk ; Thomas Swayn.

Dated : 1 Feb : 2 Richard II. (1378-79).

(83)

Inspeximus by Robert, by the grace of God, Prior of Bath, of the following grant :—

I, John, Bishop of Bath and Wells, &c., have given and granted for the ulibity of our cathedral church of Bath and Wells, to Geoffrey de Insula, and Alice, his wife, all that tenement in Northgate street, Bath, which Ralph called le Parchemyner once held, where the market is situate and from henceforth granted ; and one cottage with the curtilage by Lotgate, which Richard Legat formerly held ; and to William de Holeway, the tenement which William Belday, held by the entrance of the priory of Bath ; and to William le Bedman, the tenement between Ralph Tinctor's and John Fontel's tenements ; and to John Cole, one shop in Northgate

street, on the west of Richard Legat's tenement ; and to Robert Dyer (Tincter), one shop in Northgate street, on the east of the tenement of the monk of the work of the Priory of Bath ; and to Richard the Mareschal, one shop by the Northgate, towards the east ; and to John de Wyke, one shop by the same gate, on the west. To hold to the said Geoffrey and Alice, William de Holeweye and William le Bedman, and to their heirs, and the said shops to John Cole, Robert, Richard and John de Wyke, and to their heirs severally. Geoffrey and Alice rendering yearly 2 marks for the tenement and for the cottage twelve pence ; William de Holeway rendering fourteen shillings ; William le Bedman eight shillings ; and John Cole, Robert Dyer, Richard le Mareschal and John Wyke four shillings (with covenant to re-build if necessary at their own expence.)

Witnesses : Sir John, our Steward ; Richard Neel, our Bailiff of Pocklechurche ; John called le baker ; John de Suthstoke ; Richard Wytesone ; William a dieux ; William Nyweman, and others.

Dated at Wyvelescombe, 9th May, 1319, 12 Edw. II, and of our consecration the 12th.

We the Prior and Chaplain of Bath (do confirm) all the donations as they are more fully contained in the said letters.

Dated in our chapter, at Bath, 17th May 1319.

(84)

Grant by Margaret, daughter of Robert Little (Parvi), of Bath, to William de Bedminsterre, rector of the church of Walcote, of all her land in the Great street (magno vico) of Bath by the King's bath, towards the west, where two stalls (selda) which Otho Snowe and Nicholas Furbarius held are situate, and all the right she had in the remaining stalls situate on the south, which Master Robert de Kastelford gave to her for her service ; paying to her or her attornies one penny annually at Hockeday and at the same term to the lord of the soil for land gabel two shillings and sixpence. For which grant William gave her in hand nine marks of silver. (Covenant for forfeiture for neglect of repairs).

Witnesses : Hector, chaplain, dean of Bath ; Robert the chaplain, parson of the church of St. James ; Kaskill de Weston ; Robert de Chandos ; John de Porta ; David Little (Parvus) ; Andrew Clerk (Clericus) ; William Fresel ; Gerard outside the gate ; John Coc ; Geoffrey Whissi, and many others.

(Circa 1235).

(85)

Grant by Richard Buddē, to John Budde, his brother, of two messuages in the town of Bath (villa) in the High street, viz., that messuage which Roger Budde, their father, bought of Master Geoffrey de Bathon', between the land of Henry Absalon, on the south, and the land of Matilda, formerly relict of Thomas Miller (Molindinarius) ; and the other messuage lies between the land of the aforesaid Matilda and the land of Richard de Henleye which Roger, his father, bought of Matilda de Fersford. Rendering yearly to the bishop of nine pence for land gabel.

Witnesses : Geoffrey Champeneis, steward of the Bishop ; Sir Walter Bigod, rector of the church of Duncurton ; Henry Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Robert Coc ; Walter Sclei ; Godfrey Hose ; Thomas Coke ; John Coc ; Henry Burgeis, and all the Guilds of Bath, whose common seal (is set) to the present charter.

(Circa 1280).

(86)

Grant by Walter de Cosham to William Scuel, and Alice, his first wife, for six and a half marks sterling, of his messuage, between the land of Benedict le Singe, on the north, and the land which belonged to Gilbert Cissor, on the south, and it contains in breadth 15 feet and extends in length from the highway to the wall of the court of the Bishop. Rendering yearly twenty two pence half-penny to the Bishop, and to Benedict le Singe and his heirs 1½d.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Adam de Fonte ; John de Scyreburn ; Richard Taverner (Tabernator) ; John de Dovere ; Eustace Mercator. (1280).

(87)

Grant by Roger Bosselyn, burgess of Bristol, for four marks sterling, to Benedict de Singe, of Hangyngestoke, of his messuage by the bath called the King's bath, which contains in breadth 18 feet, and it extends in length from the highway to the wall of the bishop, on the east. Rendering twenty seven pence yearly to the bishop.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; John de Scyreburn ; Richard Tabernarius ; John de Dovere ; Geoffrey Clerk (Clericus).

(1280).

(88)

Grant by Robert, Bishop of Bath and Wells, to Philip de Tanton, of a plot near the King's bath, which contains in breadth 18 feet, and extends in length from the highway to the wall of the Bishop's court, on the east. Rendering annually 27d. at Michaelmas and Hockeday.

Witnesses : Henry the Tayllur, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; John Milis ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; William Sleygh ; John Coc ; Thomas Coker ; William le Porter ; Henry le Mercer.

(Circa 1280).

(89)

Grant by Philip de Tanton, to Roger Jocelin, burgess of Bristol, for nineteen pounds sterling, of his messuage by the King's bath, which is 18 feet in breadth, and extends in length from the highway to the wall of the bishop's court, on the east. Rendering annually to the bishop twenty seven pence at two terms.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; John Milis ; Roger Aleyn ; Robert of Worcester ; Richard de Henleye.

(1280 or 1287).

(90)

Grant by Geoffrey Comwel, and Matilda, his wife, to William Cheygny, of a stall with a cellar, situate at the head of the highway between the tenement of Amice Sweyn, on the west, and the tenement of William le Nyweman, on the east.

Witnesses : Richard Miller, Mayor ; John le Baker ; John Cole ; John de Southstok ; Thomas Cherfiz.

Dated : Bath, Feast of Trinity, 10 Edw. II. (29 May, 1317).

(91)

Grant by Geoffrey Baker (Pistor), and Matilda, his wife, daughter and heir of Henry Apsolan, to Edmund Loryng, of their tenement between that of William le

Nyweman, on the east, and that of Amice Sweyn, on the west, and which extends from the High street in width to the tenement of the said Amice. Moreover, grant to Edmund of one penny of annual rent to be taken from the cellar below the stall of the said tenement, with the reversion of the said cellar, which cellar John Cole, Agnes, his wife, and John, their son, hold for their lives only.

Witnesses : Richard Wytesone, Mayor ; John Cole ; John Baker (Pistor) ; John de Southstoke ; Alexander de Leye ; William Sweyn.

Dated : Bath, 15 April, 11 Edw. II. (1318).

(92)

Confirmation by Roger Comwel, of a deed of Geoffrey Comwell, and Matilda, his wife, by which they grant to Edmund Loryng the tenement, etc. (as in No. 91).

Witnessed (as in No. 91).

Dated : 20 April, 11 Edw. II. (1318).

(93)

Grant by Edmund Loryng, to John Cole, of Bath, and his heirs, of a stall between that of William le Nyweman, on the east, and that of Amice Sweyn, on the west, and extending on the south from the High street to the tenement of the said Amice on the north, and which stall he had of the feoffment of Geoffrey Baker (Pistor), and Matilda, his wife.

Witnesses : Richard Wytesone ; John, called the Baker (Pistor) ; John de Wyke, clerk ; Nicholas le Porter, Provost ; William Adieu ; Richard le Boye ; John de Southstoke.

Dated : Bath, 30 Sept. 13 Edw. II. (1319).

(94)

Grant by John Cole, of Bath, for six pounds, to William le Nyweman, and Edith, his first wife, of a stall between that of the said William Nyweman on the east, and that of Amice Sweyn on the west, extending from the High street which is called Cornstrete, on the south, and as far as " la bolc," on the north, which he had of the feoffment of Edmund Loryng.

Witnesses : Adam Wytesone, Mayor ; John de Wyke ; Roger Cole ; Geoffrey Hamund, Provost ; Richard Boye ; John atte Halle ; William Adieu.

Dated : Bath, 18 Kal. Dec : 2 Edw. III. (15 December, 1328).

(95)

Release by Richard Skynner, to Walter Riche, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, of all his right in a tenement and garden on the west side of the High street, between the tenement of the Prior and Convent, on the north, and that belonging to the church of the Blessed Mary, Virgin, on the south.

Seal of the office of Provost of Briggewater, affixed by Richard Gardener and John Legat, Provosts of the said town.

Witnesses : John Gonne, John Cosyn, Stewards of the Merchants' Guild of the same place ; John Pitte and John Baker, Constables ; William Hendeburgh, Walter Willeson, Bailiffs.

Dated at Briggewater, Thursday before Michaelmas, 3 Henry VI. (28 September, 1424).

(96)

Power of Attorney by Richard Skynner, to John de Bath, to deliver to Walter Riche, Mayor, seisin of a tenement and garden on the west of High street, with boundaries as stated more fully in a certain deed.

Dated : Briggewater, Thursday before Michaelmas, 3 Henry VI. (28 September, 1424).

(97)

Release by Edmund Loryng, to John Cole, Agnes, his wife, and John, their son, for their lives, of the fourth part of a cellar, which the said John Cole held in the corn market (foro bladi) situate between the cellar of the Commonalty, on the east, and the tenement of Amice Sweyn, on the west. Rent one penny at Michaelmas.

Witnesses : Richard Wytesone, Mayor ; John Baker (Pistor) ; John de Wyk ; Richard Boye ; William Adeuz.

Dated : Bath, 16 April, 11 Edw. II. (1318).

(98)

Agreement between William Suel, then Mayor, and the Commonalty, of the one part, and Richard Legat, of the other part.

The Mayor and Commonalty grant to the said Richard and his first wife, a cellar called " Depe celecr," in Corn street, which John de Shireborn formerly held, between the tenement of John de Wyte, of Bristol, on the east, and the stall of Geoffrey Comwell, on the west, for their lives. Rendering yearly to the Commonalty six shillings ; for which Richard gave them a besant.

Witnesses : William Suel, Mayor ; Henry Batin, Provost ; William Cook (Cocus) ; Richard Miller ; Peter le Brevitour ; Nicholas Appehulle ; Benedict de Stoke.

Dated : Bath, Feast of St. Lucy the Virgin, 32 Edw. I. (13 December, 1303).

(99)

Grant by Richard Wytesone, to John de Dunsterre, Tailor, of a solar (attic) in the corner (cornario) over the shops in which Thomas Schakel lived, extending in length and breadth over the aforesaid shops, with free ingress and egress, for his life. Rendering to Richard five shillings at four terms, and if John is sued by Richard or hindered in any manner, Richard binds himself in forty shillings as a subsidy to the Holy Land and in five shillings annually to John de Dunsterre. John shall not let the said solar to anyone without consent.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; William le Nyweman, Provost ; William Ory ; Ralph Dyer (Tinctor).

Dated : Bath, 23 January, 16 Edw. II. (1322-23).

(100)

Grant by William de Weston, to Benedict le Hercy, of all his tenement in the corner (cornario) by the corn market (foro bladi) of the city, between Stall street, on the east, and the tenement of Reginald Ailrich, of Lodelowe, on the west, and between Westgate street, on the north, and the tenement of Walter de Lacok, on

the south, and also grant to Benedict of the five shillings of annual rent which John de Dunsterre paid for one shop of the said tenement which he held of William, with the reversion of the shop.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; John de Wike ; Richard Boye ; John Cole ; Adam Withedune.

Dated : Bath, 31 April, 19 Edw. II. (1326).

(101)

Release by Reginald Aylrych, of Lodelowe, and Nichola, his wife, to Benedict le Hercy, of their right in a tenement in the corner between their tenement on the west and the stall of Richard Swayn on the east.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; John Cole ; John le Dyghere, Provost ; John de Wyke ; William Dyeu ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Boye ; Adam Whytesone.

Dated : Bath, Saturday the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, 19 Edw. II. (24 August, 1325).

(102)

Confirmation by Benedict de Hercy, of the grant of Reginald de Lodelowe, and Nichola, his wife, made to John de Dunsterre, tailor, for life, of a moiety of the cellar with the easements with free and sufficient ingress and egress, situate in the corner of Stall street and Westgate street, below Benedict's shops ; and also of the grant which the same Reginald de Lodelowe, and Nichola, his wife, made to John de Dunsterre, for life, of the whole of the solar next above the shops, with free ingress and egress. Rendering ten shillings at four terms, and after the death of John, the same to revert to Benedict.

Witnesses : John de Wyk, Mayor ; John Cole ; Roger Cole ; Adam Whitesone ; Richard le Boye.

Dated : Bath, 6 March, 2 Edw. III. (1327-28).

(103)

Grant by Benedict Hercy, to Roger Cole, of Bath, and Joan, his wife, of the north moiety of the deep cellar at the new corner of the city towards the north, for their lives. Rendering eight shillings of silver at four terms.

Witnesses : Adam Wytesone ; Richard le Boye ; William Sweyn ; Richard le Venur ; Thomas de Thame ; Reginald de Lodelowe.

Dated : Bath, Friday before the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, 4 Edw. III. (25 April, 1330).

(104)

Grant by Reginald de Lodelawe, and Nichola, his wife, to Richard de Stoke, of a stall at the corner, by the corn market, which Richard Cumfort formerly held. To hold for Richard's life only. Rendering eight shillings yearly. Richard shall maintain the stall in as good or better condition, and both the open windows on the north side to remain in the same state. The said windows not to be blocked up.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; William Nyweman ; John Tynctor, Provost ; Thomas Tannare ; Thomas Cherfiz.

Dated : Bath, 26 April, 1 Edw. III. (1327).

BUNDLE No. 3.

Containing ancient Deeds from the earliest time down to Henry VII. mostly of premises in Westgate Street, Southgate Street and Cheap Street in Bath from and to divers persons some of which are to the Corporation.

(1)

Quitclaim by Vincent Galopin, to Richard, his eldest son, of all his right in the land which he had in the West street, between the house of the Almoner of Bath, on the one side, and the land which belonged to Master Henry Petit, on the other.

Witnesses : Nicholas Clerk (Clericus), Mayor ; Richard Everard, Provost ; Henry Cissor ; Roger Aleyn ; Thomas Crespo.

(*Circa* 1285).

(2)

Quitclaim by Dunstan, son and heir of Andrew Clerk (Clericus), to Adam Mareschal, and Dyamand, his wife, of all his land near the West gate, within the city, on the north side of the plot (placee).

Witnesses : Master Thomas Flanders, Clerk ; Randulph le Archer ; Walter Falc ; William de Clafferton ; Robert Buch ; Walter Brian.

(*Circa* 1250).

(3)

Grant by William Marleward, of Twyuerthonia, to Adam Fullo, of a messuage in the West street, lying between the land of Thomas de Cellario, on the east, and the land of John Maresscall, on the west (with right of sale, etc). Rendering to William and his heirs two shillings at four terms, and to the King three pence at Hockeday for land gabel.

Witnesses : William Sleht, Mayor ; Henry Cissor ; John Marescal ; Richard Clerk ; John Milis ; Thomas de Cellario ; Richard Lupus ; Richard Sutor ; Richard de Henley.

(*Circa* 1280).

(4)

Grant by Robert, son and heir of Thomas de Cellario, for 17 shillings, to Adam Fullo, of an annual rent of two shillings which Robert ought to take in respect of Adam's tenement, which said tenement lies in the West street, between the tenement of Richard, son of the aforesaid Adam, on the west, and the way which goes towards the Cross bath (versus balneum crucis), on the east.

Witnesses: William Scuel, Mayor; Benedict de Stoke, Provost; William Cook (Cocus); John de Scyrburn; David Taverner (Tabernario); Adam de la Pye; Henry Batyn.

(Circa 1302-3).

(5)

Grant by Robert Fullo, for 100 shillings, to Henry Hurel, of his tenement which William de Schauwe, smith, holds in West street, and which lies between the tenement which belonged to Adam Fullo, his father, on the east, and that of Stephen Russel, on the west. Rendering two shillings to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath at the four usual terms.

Witnesses: Alexander Dyer (Tincter), Mayor; Adam Wytesone; Richard Boye; William Adieu; Roger Cole; Richard le Venour; Henry Marshal (Marescallus).

Dated: Friday after SS. Peter and Paul, 5 Edw. III. (28 June, 1331).

(6)

Release by Robert le Touker, to Henry Hurel, of all his right that he had of the inheritance of Sir Richard, his brother, in a tenement in West street, which lies between that of Adam Fullo, his father, on the east, and that of Stephen Russel, on the west.

Witnesses: Alexander Dyer (Tincter), Mayor; Richard le Vignour; Thomas Fontel; William de Kymyngthorn; John atte Taverne; Nicholas Basse; Nicholas Crips.

Dated: Bath, Sunday the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 5 Edw. III. (3 July, 1331).

(7)

Grant by Henry Hurel, to William le Zaltre, of Norton, and Cristiana, his wife, of a tenement in Westgate street, between that of Stephen Russel, on the west, and his own, on the east. Rendering to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath 12 pence, at the four usual terms.

Witnesses: Roger Cryst, Mayor; Adam Wyteson; Alexander le Dayer; William Swayn; Richard le Vynour; Walter le Webbe.

Dated: Bath, Monday after the Epiphany, 14 Edw. III. (8 January, 1340-41).

(8)

Grant by Alice, relict of Richard Hurel, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, of a house, etc., in Westgate street, which she had of the bequest of Richard, her husband, and which Richard Smith formerly held, which is situate between the

house of the Mayor, etc., and another house which Richard bequeathed to her, on the west.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Robert le Deyghar, Mayor ; Peter, rector of Walecote, dean of Bath ; William Cubbel ; Walter le Carpenter ; Thomas Stote ; John Gregori ; Walter Saundres ; John Tope ; Henry Jolif.

Dated : Bath, 4 Sept. 27 Edw. III. (1353).

(9)

Release by Alice, relict of Richard Hurel, to the Mayor, etc., of all her right in a messuage, etc., in Westgate street, which Richard Smith (Faber) formerly inhabited, which is situate between her own house, on the west, and the house which Richard, her husband, bequeathed to the Mayor, etc., on the east, and which Richard bequeathed to her.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Robert Deyhar, Mayor ; Peter, rector of Walecote, dean of Bath ; Ralph, vicar of Stalls ; Walter le Carpenter ; William Scathelok of Wroxhale ; William Cubbel ; Thomas Stote ; Walter Saundres ; Henry Jolif ; John Gregori.

Dated : Bath, 6 Sept. 27 Edw. III. (1353).

(10)

Grant by Hugh Petit, son of David Petit, to Cecily, daughter of Hamon de Calneston, of a messuage in Westgate street, between pluntrewestreth and the house of Vincent Finch, of Bath, together with the curtilage lying between the aforesaid messuage and the house of the Almoner of Bath. Rendering yearly to Hugh and his heirs a pair of white gloves of the worth of one half-penny, at Easter, for all secular service, etc., saving the King's rent.

Witnesses : Henry, then Mayor ; William Slegh ; John Milener of Bath ; Gilbert Cissor ; William le Res.

(*Circa* 1290).

(11)

Grant by Hugh Petyt, son of David Petyt, for 5 marks, to John Daniel, of a messuage in West street, situate between pluntrewestwithene, on the east, and the tenement which formerly belonged to Vincent Finch, on the west, with the curtilage appertaining, which lies between Hugh's tenement and the tenement of the Almoner of Bath. Rendering 2 shillings and sixpence at the four general terms, and to the chief lord five pence at Hockedaye for all secular service.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, Mayor ; Thomas Sweyn ; Gilbert Cissor ; John de Syreburne ; Richard Taverner (Tabernario), Provost ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; William Cook (Cocus).

(*Circa* 1290).

(12)

Release by Thomas Fraunceys, to Robert de Aston, of all his right in 4 shillings of yearly rent which he was wont to take from Adam Fullo for a tenement which he (Adam) held of Thomas, in Westgate street, situate between the lane which leads

towards the church of St. Michael, on the east, and a tenement of Richard Fullo, chaplain, on the west ; which rent he had of the feoffment of Robert Attetolere, heir of Thomas Attetoler.

Witnesses : Richard Wytesone, Mayor ; John Cole ; John Baker (Pistor) ; William Adeu ; Richard le Boye ; William de Brokenberuwe ; Ralph Tincto.

Dated : Bath, Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Vincent the Martyr, 11 Edw. II. (24 January, 1317-18).

(13)

Grant by Robert de Ashton, to Thomas Fraunceys called Cherfiz, of Bath, of 4 shillings worth of annual rent which Alice, widow of Adam le Touker, was accustomed to take for a tenement in West street, between that of Sir Richard Fullo, chaplain, on the west, and the lane which leads from the said street towards the Cross bath, on the east.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; Richard Whytesone ; John de Wyke ; William Adieux ; Richard le Boye.

Dated : Bristol, 25 Jan. 16 Edw. II. (1322-23).

(14)

Grant by Thomas Fraunceys, to Alexander Dyer (Tincto), and Ellen, his wife, and the heirs of Alexander, of 4 shillings worth of annual rent which Alice, widow of Adam le Touker, was accustomed to take for a tenement in West street, situate between the tenement of Richard Fullo, chaplain, on the west, and the lane which goes from the said street to the Cross bath, on the east.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; Richard Whitesone ; John de Wyke ; William Adieux ; Richard le Boye.

Dated : Bath, Tuesday before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 16 Edw. II. (21 June, 1323).

(15)

Grant by Thomas de Compton Dando, rector of the church of Bruggecastelton, to Robert of Keomyngton, son of Thomas de Keomyngton, and Alice, his wife, Thomas' niece, and to the issue of Alice, of a plot of land in West street, lying between a tenement held of the Prior and Convent, on the east, and that which John Denemed held of the Master of the hospital of St. John, on the west, and which plot Thomas had of the feoffment of Roger Hamond, and Agnes, his wife, and also of the release of John, son and heir of Richard le Mareschal, and of Agnes in le Hoorne, his wife. If Robert and Alice die without issue of Alice, the said plot to revert to the right heirs of Thomas.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Alexander Dyer (Tincto) ; Adam Whytesone ; William Swayn ; Roger Crist ; Henry Hurel ; Richard Vynour.

Dated : Bath, 10 October, 16 Edw. III. (1342).

(16)

Grant by Agnes, daughter and heir of Thomas in le Hurne, of Bath, to Sir John of Sousthoke, chaplain, of a tenement, etc., in West street, situate between the

tenement formerly belonging to John Hervy, on the east, and that of the Master and brethren of the hospital of St. John, on the west.

Seals of the Mayor and John, vicar of Eston, dean of Bath.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; John, vicar of Eston, dean of Bath ; Thomas Stote ; Walter Carpenter ; Robert Deyghar ; Roger Clywar ; John Gregori ; Thomas de Thame ; John Tope.

Dated : Bath, Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, 25 Edw. III. (25 April, 1351).

(17)

Release by Agnes, daughter and heir of Thomas in the Hurne (as in No. 16).

Seals of the Mayor and dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Thomas Stote ; Walter Carpenter ; Robert Deyghar ; John Tope ; Roger de Clywar ; Thomas de Thame ; John Gregori.

Dated : Invention of the Holy Cross, 25 Edw. III. (3 May, 1351).

(18)

Release by John of Southstoke, of Bath, chaplain, to John Lovel, of his right in a tenement in West street, which he had of the feoffment of Agnes, daughter and heir of Thomas in la Hurne, and which is situate between the tenement of John Hervy, on the east, and that of the Master and brethren of St. John's Hospital, on the west.

Seal of office of William Cubbel, Mayor.

Witnesses : Thomas Stote ; Robert the Deyghar ; Walter le Carpenter ; John Tope ; Thomas de Thame ; John Gregori ; Roger de Clywar.

Dated : Bath, 20 May, 25 Edw. III. (1351).

(19)

Grant by John de Southstoke, of Bath, chaplain, to John Lovel, of all his tenement, with the curtilage, etc., in the West street of Bath, which he had of the feoffment of Agnes, daughter and heir of Thomas in la Hurne, of Bath.

Boundaries and witnesses (as in No. 18).

Dated at Bath, 11 May, 25 Edw. III. (1351).

(20)

Release by John Lovel, citizen, to John Ganard, chaplain, of all his right in a tenement, etc., in West street, which he had of the feoffment of Sir John de Southstoke, chaplain, which is situate between the tenement formerly belonging to the aforesaid John Hervy, on the east, and that of the Master and brethren of St. John's Hospital, on the west.

Seal of Walter le Carpenter, Mayor.

Witnesses : Thomas Stote ; Robert le Deyare ; William Cubbel ; John Thope ; Walter Lacok ; Roger de Clywar ; Thomas de Thame.

Dated at Bath on the day of St. Martin the Bishop, 26 Edw. III. (11 November, 1352).

(21)

Grant by John Lovel, to Sir John Ganard, chaplain, of his tenement, etc., in West street, which he had by feoffment of Sir John de Southstoke, chaplain, and which Sir John had of the feoffment of Agnes, daughter of Thomas in la Hurne, which tenement is situate between that formerly of John Hervy, on the east, and that of the Master and brethren of St. John's Hospital, on the west.

Seal of Walter le Carpenter, Mayor.

Witnesses : Thomas Stote ; Robert le Deyar ; Henry Jolyf ; John Castel ; William Bouche ; John Tope ; Thomas de Thame ; Roger de Clywar.

Dated at Bath, Feast of St. Martin, 26 Edw. III. (11 November, 1352).

(22)

Grant by John Lovel, to Sir John Ganard, chaplain, of six shillings and eight pence of yearly rent, which Richard Venel, the miller, used to render, issuing from a tenement which Richard holds of him for life, and after the decease of Richard the tenement, etc., shall remain to Sir John Ganard for ever.

Seal of Walter le Carpenter, Mayor.

Witnesses : William Cubbel ; Henry Jolyf ; Walter Lacok ; John Thope ; John Castel ; Thomas Thame ; Thomas Carevyle.

Dated at Bath on the day of St. Martin the Bishop, 26 Edw. III. (11 November, 1352).

(23)

Grant by John Ganard, rector of the church of St. Mary within the Northgate, to John Whyttokysmede and John Toope, citizens, of a yearly rent of six shillings and eight pence issuing from a tenement in Westgate street, which Stephen Cleye holds for his life ; and a yearly rent of twelve pence from a curtilage annexed to the said tenement, which Henry Jolyf holds for his life ; which tenements are situate between that of the Master and brethren of St. John's Hospital, which William Mayo holds, on the west, and a certain plot of vacant land which Roger Plumstoke once held, on the east, together with the reversion of the said tenement and curtilage.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Gregory, Mayor ; Walter Carpenter ; Richard Forde ; John Natton ; William Goldsmyth.

Dated : Thursday before the Feast of St. Lucy the Virgin, 40 Edw. III. (10 December, 1366).

(24)

Grant by John Ganard (as in No. 23).

Dated at Bath on Thursday next before the Feast of St. Lucy the Virgin, 40 Edw. III. (10 December, 1366).

(25)

Grant by John Whyttokysmede and William Churcheward, to John Ganard, rector of the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the Northgate, of a yearly rent of six shillings and eight pence, issuing from their tenement which Stephen Cleye

holds in Westgate street ; and also of a yearly rent of twelve pence issuing from their curtilage which Henry Jolyf holds ; which rents they have of the feoffment of the said John Ganard as is more fully contained in a writing made to them.

Witnesses : John Gregory ; Walter Carpenter ; John Natton ; Walter Merkelegh ; John Mulverton.

Dated at Bath, Monday the Feast of St. Gregory the Pope, 43 Edw. III. (21 March, 1368-69).

(26)

Grant by Walter Ryche, citizen of Bath, to William Phelippes and John Westhope, citizens, of all that vacant plot of land by and outside the West gate, and beneath the walls of the city, which said vacant plot lies on the south side of the said gate in length from the gate aforesaid to the outlet or channel of hot water which comes from the hot bath in the said city, and the breadth of the said plot extends from the walls of the city as far as the outlet or channel of water which runs between the said vacant plot of land and a certain meadow of the Master and Convent of St. John the Baptist called " Seint Jonysmede " ; which said vacant plot of land Walter had of the grant of the said Master and Convent in exchange for an annual rent of two shillings to be paid to the said Master and Convent, which he lately granted to the said Master and Convent in exchange for the aforesaid vacant plot of land.

Witnesses : William Hokekyns ; John Drayton ; Roger Stanburgh ; William Drayton ; Thomas Abell.

Dated at Bath, 22 August, 16 Henry VI. (1438).

(27)

Power of Attorney by Walter Ryche, to Thomas Megges, Richard White, and John Newent, to deliver to William Phelippes and John Westhope possession of the vacant plot of land next and outside the West gate, and beneath the walls of the city, which vacant plot lies on the south side of the said gate, in length from the said gate to the outlet or channel of hot water which runs from the hot bath in the said city, and the width of the plot of land extends from the city walls to the outlet or channel of water which runs between the said vacant plot of land and a certain meadow of the Master and Convent of St. John the Baptist, called " Seint Jonysmede," as more fully appears by a certain charter made between the said William and John the date whereof is 22 of August, 16 Henry VI. (1438).

Dated : 23 August, 16 Henry VI. (1438).

(28)

Grant by William Phelippes and John Westhope, to Walter Ryche, Mayor, of the plot of vacant land (as in No. 27).

Dated : 24 August, 16 Henry VI. (1438).

(29)

William Phelippes and John Westhope, appoint William Carter, William Lacok and Thomas Salysbury, their attorneys, to deliver in their stead to Walter Ryche, Mayor, possession of a vacant plot of land next and outside the West gate.

Dated : 25 August, 16 Henry VI. (1438).

(30)

Grant by Walter le Carpenter, Mayor, and the Commonalty, unanimously, to John of Baltesbourgh, and Edith, his first wife, and to Alice, their eldest daughter, for their lives, of a messuage in Westgate street between that of Thomas Rolf, on the west, and that of the Commonalty, on the east. Rendering six shillings yearly (with clause for maintenance and repairs when necessary and forfeiture for neglect or rent being in arrear two months).

Dated at Bath, Saturday before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 28 Edw. III. (21 June, 1354).

(31)

Grant by Robert Wattes, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to Henry le Vynour, and Alice, his first wife, for their lives, and after their decease to Nicholas, their eldest son, of a tenement, etc., in Westgate street, between that of John Gregori, on the west, and the lane called Plumtrewilne, on the east. Rendering to the Mayor, etc., 13s. 4d. yearly and 5d. to the Bishop at Hokkeday for land gabel (with clause for forfeiture if the rent is one month in arrear or the place allowed to become ruinous).

Witnesses : John Whyttokesmede ; John Gregori ; Walter Carpenter ; John Natton ; Richard Swetyng.

Dated at Bath, 6 March, 45 Edw. III. (1370-71).

(32)

Grant by John Gregori, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to Henry Umfray, Cristina, his wife, and John, their son, for their lives, of a house with a curtilage, etc., in West street, between the house which John Baltesborewe held, on the west, and the messuage of St. John, on the east. Rendering yearly to the proctors of the masses five shillings for all service, etc. (with clause for maintenance and forfeiture if the rent be in arrear for one month).

Witnesses : John Gregori, Mayor ; Robert Dyar ; Walter Carpenter ; John Wittokesmede ; John Natton.

Dated : Wednesday after the Feast of the Circumcision, 36 Edw. III. (4 January, 1362-63).

(33)

Grant by Ralph de Bracino, son of Robert Marcus, with the assent of Beatrice, his wife, to Roger de Dichesgate, clerk, and his heirs, for 3 marks, of a messuage in South street, outside the South gate, on the west of that street, between the Almoner's house and the house of the Lady Gundreda. Rendering to Robert Chern, of Stonton, two shillings at two terms of the year viz., Hokeday and Michaelmas.

Witnesses : Sir Henry Tailor (Cissor), Mayor ; William Sleh ; John Hory ; Richard Wydfar ; Geoffrey Hose ; John Sumeter.

(1249).

(34)

Grant by Master Henry de Leukener, rector of the church of Chiw, for the utility of the church of Chiw, to Serlo, son of Osbert, of all the plot of land appertaining

to the church of Chiw, which lies between the South gate and the neighbouring spring (fontem). Rendering to him and his successors fourteen pence every year.

Witnesses: Swein of Bath; John, his brother; Benedict de Wdewike; Gervase of Bath; Hugh de Eixton; William Fresel; Andrew; Robert Blund; William Lingnire; David Parvus; John, his son; Alan; Walter Marshal (Marescallo).

(Circa 1230).

(35)

Grant by Beatrice Sperling, for 3 marks 4 shillings, to the Mayor and Commonalty, of her messuage in South street, outside the South gate, on the west side of that street, between the house of the Almoner and that of the Prior of Bath, for the maintenance of the daily mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be celebrated in the church of the Blessed Mary of Stalls. Rendering yearly to Robert de Francona and his heirs two shillings.

Witnesses: Walter Falc, Mayor; Henry Cissor; William Scleh; Robert Cook (Coqus); John Milis; William le Res; Godfrey Hose; Richard the clerk (clerico); Richard de Henley.

(Circa 1249).

(36)

Quitclaim by William Burgeys, to Nicholas Folyot, of all his right in a tenement outside the Northgate, between the land of the brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital, on the south, and that of Reginald Golde, on the north.

Witnesses: William Scuel, Mayor; Alexander de Leye, Provost; Peter le Brevitor; Reginald Golde; John de Wike; John Columbel; Richard Marshal (Marescallo).

Dated at Bath, Sunday next before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 32 Edw. I. (13 September, 1304).

(37)

Grant by Juliana Say, in her lawful widowhood, for ten shillings and a bushel of wheat, to Robert Gyvelay, cook, and his wife, and their heirs, of the land in South street which Henry Gervase, formerly her husband, gave her at the door of the monastery. Rendering yearly to the Prior and Convent of Bath one penny at Michaelmas.

Witnesses: Henry, then Mayor; William Sleh; Walter Falc; John Milis; John Somitar; John Ory; William de Cudrinton; Richard Wytfar; John Funtel; William Res; Gilbert Tailor (Cissor).

(Circa 1250).

(38)

Grant by Juliana and Margarie, daughters of Henry Gervase, to Robert Gyvelay, cook, and his wife, of all the land which Juliana Say, their mother, sold to the said Robert, which said land Henry Gervase, their father, gave to Juliana, their mother, at the door of the monastery. Rendering yearly to the Prior and Convent of Bath 1d. at Michaelmas for all services, etc.

Witnesses: Henry, then Mayor; William Sleh; Walter Falc; John Milis; John Somitar; John Ory; William Codrinton; Richard Wytfar; John Funtel; William de Res; Gilbert Tailor (Cissor).

(Circa 1250).

(39)

Grant by Roger Cook (Cocus), son of William Cook, of Bath, for 35s., to Master Symon de Bathonia, of his house, etc., in the street outside the South gate, between that of the Prior, on the north, and the house of the Almoner, on the south, viz., that house which he recovered before Sir Gilbert de Paston, Justice of the King, in Bath. Rendering yearly to Roger and his heirs a sprig of gillyflower at Michaelmas for all service. The said house he will warrant to Simon and his heirs, and if he cannot warrant he will make reasonable exchange from other his lands in England.

Witnesses : Henry, then Mayor ; William de Claverton ; Walter Falc ; William Finegal ; Randolph Archer ; John Ory ; John Milis ; Adam Tanner (Tannatore) ; John de Bradeford ; Nicholas Clerk.

(Circa 1250).

(40)

Grant by Master Symon de Bath, to John, his son, of his land outside the South gate, between the land of the Prior, on the north, and the land of the Almoner, on the south. Rendering yearly to Symon for life a sprig of gillyflower at Michaelmas, and another sprig on the same day to the chief lord of the fee for all service, etc.

Witnesses : Henry, then Mayor ; John Ory ; John Say and John Somitar, then Coroners ; Walter Falc ; John Milis ; Walter Finegal ; Adam Tanner ; Geoffrey Curtays ; Nicholas Clerk of Bath.

(Circa 1250).

(41)

Grant by Geoffrey le Lange, of Hampshire, to Benedict de Stoke, for 12 shillings, of all his land outside the Southgate, between the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the north, and the land of the Almoner, on the south.

Witnesses : William Cook, Mayor ; Adam Fullo ; Nicholas le Lavender ; Adam de la Pype ; Peter le Brevitor ; Adam de Henleye ; William Adeu.

(1310).

(42)

Grant by Thomas, son of Roger Mortimer, to Alice, his sister, and Thomas, her husband, of a stall on the south of his hall, in Southgate street, for their lives. Rendering yearly two pence.

Witnesses : Thomas Chirefiz ; Adam de Ferleye ; Henry Hurel ; Nicholas de Kari ; Adam Cop.

(Circa 1290).

(43)

Grant by Thomas, called le Mortimer, of Bath, to Alexander Dyer (Tincter), and Ellen, his wife, and the heirs of Alexander, of his tenement, etc., in which they sometime lived in the street outside the Southgate ; also of a stall without a cellar, on the south side of the said tenement ; which (stall) Alice, Thomas's sister, holds for the term of her life, and which should revert to him after her death. To hold to them and their heirs for ever. Which said tenement is situate in South street,

between that of Sir William de Farlegh, chaplain, on the north, and that of Nicholas, son of John Jolyf, on the south. Rendering yearly to the Bishop three pence at Easter for land gabel.

Witnesses : Roger Crist, Mayor ; Adam Whytesone , William Swayn ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Vygnour ; William Cubbel ; John Husee.

Dated at Bath, 4 February, 15 Edw. III. (1340-41).

(44)

Thomas le Mortemer, of Bath, appoints Sir William de Farlegh, chaplain, his attorney, to put Alexander le Deyare, and Ellen, his wife, into seisin of the tenement (as in No. 43).

Dated at Bath, 5 February, 15 Edw. III. (1340-41).

(45)

Release by Alice, widow of Thomas le Mortimer, to Alexander, called Dyer, and Ellen, his wife, of all her right in the tenement (as in No. 43), which she could have had by reason of dower, etc.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Adam Whytesone ; Roger Crist ; William Sweyn ; Nicholas le Dyare ; Richard le Vygnour.

Dated at Bath, 3 December, 20 Edw. III. (1346).

(46)

Quitclaim by Alice, widow of Thomas de Farlegh, to Alexander, called Dyer, and Ellen, his wife, of all her right in twenty two pence of yearly rent which they were wont to render to her for a stall they held by Alice's gift for the term of her life, outside the Southgate, and which is situate between the tenement of the said Alexander and Ellen which they had of the feoffment of Thomas le Mortimer, Alice's brother, on the north, and the tenement formerly belonging to John Jolyf, on the south ; also release of all her right in the aforesaid tenement, etc.

Seal of John de Forde, the elder.

Witnesses : Adam Wytesone, Mayor ; Roger Crist ; William Sweyn ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Vygnor.

Dated : 12 February, 18 Edw. III. (1343-44).

(47)

Grant by William Russel, to John Cole, of Bath, of his tenement in South street, outside the South gate, between the tenement which Adam Knyvet held, on the north, and that which Richard le Swunhurde formerly held of William for the term of his life, on the south, together with the reversion of the tenement, etc., which the said Richard le Swunhurde formerly held of him in the aforesaid town and street, between the said tenement which he, William, formerly inhabited, on the north, and that which Thomas de Ponte held, on the south.

Witnesses : John, called Baker (Pistore), Mayor ; Peter le Brevitur ; Richard Wytestone ; John de Wyke ; John de Southstoke ; John Tinctor ; Richard le Boye.

Dated at Bath, 20 Jan. 10 Edw. II. (1316-17).

(48)

Grant by John Cole, the elder, for 33s. 4d. to Henry Hurel, of his tenement, &c., which he had of the feoffment of William Russel, of Bath, in South street, which said tenement lies between that of Adam Kynvet, on the north, and that of John Sampson, which Lawrence Dyer holds, on the south.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; Richard Boye ; Adam Wyteson ; Alexander Dyer ; Richard le Vynour ; Richard le Venour ; Henry Marshal (Marescallus).

Dated at Bath, Thursday next after the Feast of Philip and James, 5 Edw. III. (2 May, 1331).

(49)

Release by John Cole, the elder, to Henry Hurel of the premises (as in No. 48).

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; William Deu ; Ralph Dyer ; William de Kymyngton ; Richard de Berewyke.

Dated (as in No. 48).

(50)

Grant by Adam Knyvet, of Bath, to William de Farlegh, chaplain, of his tenement, etc., by Stall street, between the entrance of the South gate, on the west, and the way of the procession around the church of St. James, on the east ; also grant of a messuage, etc., in South street, between the tenement of the Prior and Convent, on the north, and that of Henry Hurel, on the south. Rendering to the rector of the church of Chew 14d. yearly at the Feast of the Annunciation and St. Michael by equal portions, and to the Bishop of Bath for land gabel, at Hockeday, 2½d.

Witnesses : Adam Whyteson, Mayor ; Alexander le Dyer ; William Swayn ; Roger Cryst ; William Cubbul ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Vingur.

Dated at Bath, 1 March, 18 Edw. III. (1343-44).

(51)

Grant by William de Farlegh, chaplain, to Adam Knyvet, of Bath, and Juliana, his wife, for their lives, of his tenement, etc., which he had of the feoffment of the said Adam near Stall street and which is situate between the Southgate, on the west, and the way of the procession around St. James' church, on the east ; also grant to them of the messuage, etc., in South street, which he held of the feoffment of the said Adam, situated between the tenement of the Priory, on the north, and that of Henry Hurel, on the south (with clause for repairs) ; also grant that the same houses after the decease of Adam and Juliana shall remain to the Mayor and Commonalty for ever.

Witnesses : Alexander le Dyar ; Henry Hurel ; William Sweyn ; William de Berewyk ; William le Vygnor ; Thomas Gyvelegh ; John de Actone.

Dated at Bath, 23 April, 18 Edw. III. (1344).

(52)

Counterpart of No. 51.

(53)

Grant by Adam Knyvet, to the Mayor and Commonalty, of 20s. yearly rent issuing from his tenement between the South gate, on the east, and from a messuage in South street, between the tenement of the Priory and that of Henry Hurel and for the payment of the said rent to the Mayor and Commonalty at Michaelmas and Easter, he binds his heirs and all his said tenements.

Seal of the office of Dean.

Dated at Bath, 20 Sept. 17 Edw. III. (1343).

(54)

Receipt by Adam Wyteson, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to Adam Knyvet, and Juliana, his wife, for forty shillings, in discharge of an annual rent of 20 shillings in which Adam and Juliana are bound, so that Adam and Juliana are quit as long as they live ; which rent of twenty shillings after their decease shall be converted to the uses of the Mayor and Commonalty for ever.

Dated at Bath, 20 Sept., 17 Edw. III. (1343).

(55)

Grant by Thomas Plonte, of Bath, to Robert, his son, of a shop (scopam), within the South gate, adjoining to the said gate, on the west ; and a stall which belonged to John de Welyngton, between the tenement of Alexander le Dighere, on the south, and that of John Cole, on the north ; and a tenement which extends from the South gate to the tenement which formerly belonged to Nicholas le Lavender, on the west, and it contains in length 77 feet and in breadth 22 feet.

Witnesses : Adam Wytesone, Mayor ; Geoffrey Hamund, Provost ; John de Wyke ; Roger Cole ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Boye ; Alexander le Deghere.

Dated at Bath, Friday in the week of Pentecost, 2 Edw. III. (26 May, 1328).

(56)

Release by Robert, son of Thomas Plonte, of Bath, to Roger le Tannere, and to Alice, his wife, sister of Robert, of all his right in the shop outside and adjoining the South gate on the west, and in the stall which formerly belonged to John de Welyngton, which is situate between the tenement of Alexander le Deyare, on the south, and that of John Cole, on the north ; and in all that tenement from the said South gate to that which belonged to Nicholas le Lavender, on the west, and which contained 77 feet in length and 22 feet in breadth ; and also he agrees that he is bound in one hundred shillings to Roger and in 60 shillings to the fabric of the Cathedral of Bath, to be paid to the monk of the work of the said church, and in forty shillings to the proctors and collectors of the goods of the work of the cathedral church of Wells, for which payment he binds himself, his heir, executors and all his lands, etc.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : Roger Cryst, Mayor ; William Sweyn ; Henry Hurel ; John atte Halle ; John atte Taverne, Provost ; John Husee.

Dated at Bath, 24 May, 14 Edw. III. (1340).

(57)

Release by John de Monte Forti, rector of the church of Combe Hawey, to Roger le Tannere, citizen of Bath, and Alice, his wife, and to the heirs of Roger, of all his right in a shop within and adjoining the South gate, on the west ; and in the stall which formerly belonged to John de Welyngton, lying between the tenement of Ralph le Deyare, on the south, and that of John Cole, on the north ; and in the tenement from the South gate, as far as the tenement which formerly belonged to Nicholas le Lavender, on the west, and it contains in length 77 feet and in breadth 22 feet.

Witnesses : Roger Crist, Mayor ; Alexander le Deyere ; Henry Hurel ; William Sweyn ; Adam Whyteson ; Robert Wysdom ; William Koobul.

Dated at Bath, 9 February, 15 Edw. III. (1340-41).

(58)

Grant by Roger le Tannere, and Alice, his wife, to John Baroun, the younger, of a tenement extending from the Southgate as far as the tenement which was Nicholas le Lavender's, on the west, and it contains 77 feet in length and 22 in breadth ; also five shillings worth of annual rent which John de Marsfelde, and Matilda, his wife, were wont to render to them yearly for a stall which they hold for life, situate between the tenement of Alexander the Deighere, on the south, and that which formerly was John Cole's, on the north ; also grant of the reversion of the stall when it shall happen. Moreover they grant that they are bound to the said John Baroun in roos. and in 6os. to the Mayor and Commonalty, to be paid as soon as John or his heirs shall be sued or troubled by them or any in their name. For which payment they bind their heirs, etc., and lands, etc.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Alexander le Deighere ; William Swayn ; John de Halle ; Nicholas le Deighere ; Adam Whitesone ; Robert Wysdom.

Dated at Bath, Wednesday after the Feast of the Assumption, 22 Edw. III. (20 August, 1348).

(59)

Grant by Thomas Saundres, son and heir of Alexander Deyher, to Stephen Glowehere, and Alice, his first wife, for their lives, of a tenement with a shop next the garden and with a garden which abuts on the Lumbe, in Southgate street, between Thomas's shop, on the one side, and his shop, on the other. Rendering yearly 11s. 8d. (with a clause of re-entry in default of paying the rent or allowing the tenement to be ruinous).

Witnesses : John Gregori, Mayor ; Robert Wattes ; John Compe ; John Natton.

Dated at Bath, Saturday before the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1 Ric. II. (19 September, 1377).

(60)

Grant by John Baunfeld, esquire, and Agnes, his wife, daughter and heir of John Pederton, esquire, to William Pederton, son of the aforesaid John, of a vacant plot of ground, with a garden, in which plot, while it was built, John Osterler formerly dwelt ; and the said garden lies near the walls of the city by the South gate. To

have and to hold the said plot and garden to the said William and his issue ; and if William dies without issue the same shall remain to Peter, their son, and if Peter should die without issue then to revert to John and Agnes and their heirs.

Witnesses : John Austell ; William Gascoygne ; Richard Balon.

Dated : 24 May, 32 Henry VI. (1454).

(61)

Release by Agnes Baunfeld, in her widowhood, and Peter Baunfeld, her son, to William Pederton, of all their right in a vacant piece of land wherein, when it was built, John Osteler formerly dwelt ; and also in a garden lying on the city walls near the South gate.

Seal of John Pole, Mayor of Shaftesbury, in Dorsetshire.

Dated at Shaftesbury, Christmas Day, 37 Henry VI. (1458).

(62)

Grant by William Pederton, to William, Lord Botriax, knight, John Champeneys and Thomas Lawry, their heirs and assigns, of a vacant plot of land in Bath, and a garden lying on the city walls near the South gate.

Witnesses : Richard Choke, Serjeant-at-law ; John Bluet ;—Kemmys, of Syston.

Dated : 30 December, 37 Henry VI. (1458).

(63)

Grant by Thomas Abell, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, for forty years to William Hokekyns, and Joan, his wife, of three cottages in Southgate street, between the cottage of the Mayor and Commonalty which Thomas Laborar holds, on the south, and the garden of Thomas Blontte, which Hugh Brewer holds, on the north ; and it extends from the highway on the west to the ditch called Bomdyche, on the east. Rendering to the Mayor, etc., yearly 3s. 4d.

Witnesses : Thomas Abell, Mayor ; Hugh Goldyng ; William Stanburgh, Cofferer ; John Ster, Roger Chepman ; Proctors.

Dated : 19 June, 32 Henry VI. (1454).

(64)

Grant to Robert, by divine compassion, Bishop of Bath and Wells, to his citizens of Bath, namely, to John de Atteberze, of a tenement built and entirely to be maintained, by the South gate ; and to Nicholas Lotor, of a plot by the same tenement ; and to Robert Stabellar, of a stall built and entirely to be maintained, by the same tenement, towards the east ; and to the same Robert, a certain plot to be built upon, by the West gate, which contains 12 feet in length and 12 feet in breadth ; and to Richard Legat, a curtilage within Lotgate by the wall of the monks' churchyard ; and to William Hodde, a curtilage outside the same, towards the north, by the wall of the churchyard ; and to Martin de Monte, two stalls built and to be entirely maintained, by the monks' well ; and to John Marshal (Marescallo), a smithy built and to be entirely maintained, outside the North gate, towards the east. To have and to hold to them, their heirs and assigns. Rendering to him and his successors thirteen shillings and a penny half-penny ; John Atteberze, six shillings

and a penny half-penny ; Nicholas Lotor, six pence ; Robert Stabellar, 18 pence ; Richard Legat, 12 pence ; William Hodde, 12 pence ; Martin de Monte, 2 shillings ; and John Marshal, 12 pence.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard, Provost ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; William Schelt ; John Milis.

(Circa 1280).

(65)

An Indenture, made at Bath, by which Thomas Saundres, chaplain, grants to the Mayor and Commonalty, all his lands and tenements, rents and services, issuing from their tenements in the city and the suburb, except 2 shillings rent from the tenement late of John Mey, which John Wych, tailor, now dwells in, belonging to Thomas, for ever, viz., the rent and service of three shops in South street, with the houses, curtilages and gardens, etc., lying between the tenement of Henry Jolyf, on the south, and that of the Prior, on the north ; and the rent issuing from two halls and two shops in Stall street, lying in the entry of the court of the Prior of Bath, on the south, and a tenement of St. John's Hospital, on the north ; and the rent and service issuing from two shops and a cellar in the same street, with the house, curtilage, etc., lying between the tenements of Walter Wycher, on the south, and by the lane to the King's bath and a tenement of St. John's Hospital, on the north ; and the rent and service issuing from a tenement in Northgate street, with the house, curtilage and garden, etc., lying between the tenement of the Prior, on the south, and the lane by the Northgate ; and the rent and service issuing from three shops in Walcot street, with the houses, curtilages, gardens, etc., lying between the tenement of the Abbot of St. Augustine of Bristol, on the south, and the tenement formerly of Robert Wyke, which Roger Glover now holds, on the north. To have and to hold all the said lands to the said Mayor and Commonalty, of the said Thomas and his heirs. Rendering yearly to the said Sir Thomas for his life 8 marks to celebrate where-soever he shall wish for the souls of his relations, friends, and the Mayor and all the Commonalty and of their successors, on condition that the Mayor and Commonalty should find the said Thomas in bread, a vestment of calico and sufficient linen for celebrating his mass whilst he shall celebrate within the liberty of the same city ; and also a house, etc., in which he dwells at the day of the making of these presents. Rendering to them at Michaelmas one penny, and if the rent of eight marks be not paid at any term, then the Mayor and Commonalty to pay to Thomas four marks for each term as is more fully contained in a writing made between them ; and Thomas and his executors and assigns after his decease are to take 40 shillings every year to be disposed of as they wish, and if the rent of 40 shillings be in arrear for one whole year, then the Mayor and Commonalty to pay four marks to the executors according to another writing.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Henry Champeney ; John Compe ; John Tonprest ; John Natton ; John Combe ; Robert Waspray ; Sewal Fraunceys.

Dated : Monday the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen, 11 Richard II. (22 July, 1387).

Endorsed : And the same Thomas Saundres, chaplain, wills and grants to the Mayor and Commonalty four shillings annual rent issuing from a tenement in Westgate street, lying between the tenement of Richard Fullo, chaplain, on the west, and the lane leading to St. Michael's church, on the east, by which one goes to the Cross bath.

(66)

Memorandum that on the 28th April, 22 Richard II, and in the episcopate of Ralph Ergum, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Robert Hulle, then being his steward, and Robert Waspray being Mayor, the name of a certain high street in the city, from all time called Souterstret, was at the request of the Mayor and Commonalty changed into the more fair and honourable name of "Chepstret."

The seal of the aforesaid Robert Hulle is set to these presents.

Dated : 28 April, 22 Richard II. (1399).

(67)

Quitclaim by John le Packare, son of Wareburga le Packare, for 33 shillings and four pence, to John Milis, of all his right in a messuage in Sutor street and in the stalls opposite the said messuage.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, Mayor ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; Gilbert Tailor (Cissor) ; John de Schyreburne, Provost ; Thomas Sweyn.

(1280-90).

(68)

Grant by Aylmer Textor, with the assent of Matilda, his wife, for one mark and an overcoat, to John Milis, of Bath, of two stalls in Sutor street, one near the stall which Roger de Ledebury holds of Alice de Noni, on the west, to wit, that which Werburga de Bristol held ; and another stall between the land of the master of the work of the church of St. Peter of Bath and the stall of the said Alice de Noni, on the west ; and all the right which Matilda, his wife, could have in the land which Alice de Noni holds by reason of her dower. Rendering to the King at Hockeday three pence for land gabel.

Aylmer and Matilda affixed their seals and Matilda abjured her claim in the full Hundred.

Witnesses : Walter Falc, Mayor ; Henry Tailor (Cissor) ; Randolf Archer ; William Sleh ; John Ory ; Roger Budde ; John Someter ; Richard Wytfar ; Walter Finegal ; William de Codrinton.

(1249).

(69)

Grant by Matilda, widow of Aylmar Textor, to John Milis, of a stall in Sutor street next to the house of William de Wollegh, on the east, and confirmation to him of two stalls in the same street, which he bought of Aylmer, formerly her husband, with her assent, to wit, one stall next the stall which Roger de Ledebury holds of Alice de Noni ; and the other stall between the land of the master of the work of the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul and the stall of the said Alice, on the west, and all her right in the land which Alice holds in dower of the land which was Walter Cissor's, her brother. For this grant, etc., John gave to Matilda 4s. in money and a tunic and overcoat and a bushel of wheat, and to Matilda, and to Matilda, her daughter,

as long as they live, a house where Robert Champenais, formerly her husband, dwelt, next the house which belonged to Robert Champenais, his father, opposite Alsý's bath.

Witnesses: Henry, then Mayor; Walter the escheator (eschatore); John Somiter and John Ory, Coroners; William Sleh; William de Codrinton; Richard de Hupton; Walter Finegal; Adam the tanner; William Res; Geoffrey Wayts; Roger Buche; Henry Apsalon; William de Wollegh; Roger de Ledebury.

(Circa 1290).

(70)

Grant by Matilda, daughter of Aylmar, in her widowhood, for 10 shillings, to John Milis, of a stall in Sutor street, next the house where Roger de Ledebury dwelt, on the east. Rendering to her yearly a farthing at Easter, and to the King at Hockeday a half-penny for land gabel.

Witnesses: Henry, then Mayor; Walter Falc; William Sleh; John Somitar; John Ory; Robert Gyvelay; William de Wollegh; Roger de Ledebury.

(Circa 1290).

(71)

Grant by Matilda de Claverton, in her widowhood, for 20 shillings, to Peter Forester, of Wike, of two stalls in Sutor street, which are between the land of the monks of Bath, on the east, and that of the same monks, on the west. Rendering yearly to her a rose at Midsummer.

Witnesses: Henry Cissor; Walter Falc; Robert Cook (Coqus); Henry Burg'; Geoffrey Hose; Richard de Henle.

(Circa 1250).

(72)

Grant by Margery Innocent, to Thomas Innocent, her son, of the tenement lying by Sutor street, between the tenement of Thomas Tynctor, on the east, and that of William le Nyweman, on the west.

Witnesses: Roger Cole, then Mayor; Henry Hurel, Provost; Adam Wytesone; Richard le Venour; Thomas de Thame.

Dated at Bath, Wednesday the Feast of the Translation of St. Swythyn the Bishop, 6 Edw. III. (15 July, 1332).

(73)

Release by John de Duddemerton, Alexander Burchalk, and John de Pryshton, chaplain, to Robert Wattes, of all their estate in that tenement which John Cubbel, chaplain, son of William Cubbel, acquired from Thomas Gyvele, brother of John Gyvele, which is in Sutor street, between the tenement of the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the east, and that formerly of William de Iford, on the west.

Witnesses: John Panes; John Pederton; Henry Champenays; John de Combe; Richard atte Brugge.

Dated at Bath, 10 August, 51 (sic) Edw. III.; and also John Comp, Mayor; John Gregory; John Natton; Richard Sadeler. (Witnesses). (1377).

(74)

Grant by Thomas de Compton, chaplain, son and heir of John de Compton, and Margery, his wife, to William de Iford, son of John de Iford, of 13 shillings and 4 pence of yearly rent he was wont to take from Nicholas le Mareschal, and Claricia, his wife, for a tenement which they held of him for their lives ; which tenement is in Sutor street, between the tenement of Thomas Tinctor, on the east, and the tenement of William le Nyweman, on the west ; (with clause of distress); also grant to the said William of the reversion of the said tenement after the decease of Claricia.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, then Mayor ; Thomas de Tame, then Provost ; Adam Whytesone ; Geoffrey le Boy ; Alexander Tinctor ; Henry Hurel ; John de Forde ; William de Kemyngton.

Dated : Bath, Friday after the Feast of All Saints, 7 Edw. III. (5 November, 1333).

(75)

Power of Attorney, Friday next after the Feast of St. Martin in the 7th year of Edw. III, by Claricia, who was the wife of Nicholas le Mareschal—after reciting that Thomas, son and heir of John de Compton, and Margery, his wife, granted to William de Iford, 3 shillings and four pence of annual rent from a tenement which he, William, held of the said Thomas for the life of Claricia, with the reversion of the same tenement after her decease, which tenement is in Sutor street, between that of Thomas Tinctor, on the east, and that of William le Nyweman, on the west—to William de Farlegh, chaplain, and Thomas Fontel, to receive seisin in the presence of Robert Cole, Mayor ; Thomas de Thame, Provost ; Adam Whytesone ; Geoffrey le Boy ; Alexander Tinctor ; Henry Hurel ; John de Forde ; William de Kenington.

Dated at Bath, the day and year abovesaid. (12 November, 1333).

(76)

Grant by Geoffrey Nyweman, to John Compe, Robert Wattes, John Natton, Richard Pochon, alias Sprray, Richard Bedel, and Walter Webbe, of his tenement which he had of the grant of William de Iford, in Sutor street.

Dated at Bath, 4 November, 50 Edw. III. (1376).

(77)

Release by Robert Waspray, of Bath, to John Whytynge, of all right and claim which he had in the tenement he had of the gift of Robert Wattes in Sutor street, otherwise called Chepestrete, within the city, between the tenement of the Master of St. John the Baptist, on the east, and the tenement of the Mayor and Commonalty, formerly of William de Yford, on the west.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : Walter Ryche, Mayor ; Ralph Honte ; John Savage, the elder ; Richard Wydecombe ; John Drayton, Bailiff.

Dated at Bath, on the Feast of St. Michael, 4 Henry V. (29 September, 1416).

(78)

Release by John Whytyng, the elder, carpenter, to John Whytyng, the younger, his son, weaver, of his right in that tenement which he had of the grant of Robert Waspray, which lies in Sutor street, otherwise called Chepe street, between the tenement of the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the east, and the tenement of the Mayor and Commonalty, formerly William de Iford's, on the west.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : William Dreyton, Mayor ; William Hogekeyns and Roger Stanborowe, Aldermen ; John Honybrygge and Roger Chapman, the elder, Coroners ; Richard Coksale, Bailiff ; John Mydwynter ; John Ster ; William New, Citizens.

Dated at Bath, Feast of Saint Nicholas the Bishop, 30 Henry VI. (9 May, 1452).

(79)

Grant by John Whytynge, weaver, to Agnes, his wife, Elizabeth, his daughter, wife of Thomas Whateley, and to the same Thomas Whateley, " touker," of his tenement in Sutor street, otherwise Chepe street, between the tenement of the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the east, and that of the Mayor and Commonalty, formerly of William de Yford, on the west.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Tomas, Mayor ; John Steere ; John Velour, and others.

Dated : 5 May, 1 Edw. IV. (1461).

(80)

Grant by William Wodeward, butcher, and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir of John Whytyng, to William Walley, " towker," John Velour, mercer, William Kent, weaver, and William Chilton, of Camberton, in co. Somerset, husbandman, of their tenement in Chepe street, with the garden adjacent, situate between the tenement of the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the east, and that of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the west.

Witnesses : William Stanburgh, Mayor ; Andrew Bedford ; Robert Rogers.

Dated : 16 April, 14 Edw. IV. (1474).

(81)

Grant by William Walleigh, William Kent, and William Chilton, of Camberton, to William Wodward, butcher, and to Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir of the late John Whytyng, of the tenement (as in No. 80).

Witnesses : Robert Batyn, Mayor ; William Haynes ; Andrew Bedford ; Robert Rogers.

Dated : Translation of St. Edmund the Bishop, 16 Edw. IV. (16 November, 1476).

(82)

Release by William Wodward, late the husband of Elizabeth, daughter and heir of John Whytyng, late weaver, to the Mayor and Commonalty, proctors or wardens of the chapel of Saint Katherin, of all his right in his tenement with the

garden situate in Chepe strete, between that of the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the east, and that of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the west.

Witnesses : William Haynes ; Robert Rogeris ; Thomas Chaunceler ; William Tyler ; John Geffery ; William Walleigh ; William Kent ; William Chilton ; John Slugg.

Dated on the Feast of Pentecost, 7 Henry VII. (10 June, 1492).

(83)

Grant by John Prentys, of Bradeford, son and heir of Isabella, formerly daughter and heir of Thomas Preestes, of Bath, to Robert Aisshelegh, of his messuage with the shop, etc., which descended to him hereditarily after the death of Isabella, his mother ; which messuage and shop are situate in Sowter street, between the tenement of the Prior of Bath, in which Robert Churcheward formerly lived, on the west, and that of the Prior, in which William Churcheward lived, and it extends from the said street, in front, to the churchyard of the church of Saint Mary, behind.

Witnesses : Walter Hungerford, Knight ; Edmund Forde ; William Besyles ; Reginald Halle ; Robert Waspray, Mayor ; John Savage ; Ralph Hunte ; John Northfolk ; John Bertelot.

Dated at Bath, Feast of St. Alban, 13 Henry IV. (22 June, 1412).

(84)

Grant by Robert Aisshelegh, to John Yeuele, and Felicia, his wife, of his messuage with a shop which he bought of John Prentys, of Bradeford, son and heir of Isabella Prestes, which messuage, etc., is situate in Sowter strete, between the tenement of the Prior of Bath, in which Robert Churcheward formerly dwelt, on the west, and that of the Prior, in which William Churcheward dwelt, and it extends from the street, in front, to the churchyard of St. Mary of Stalles, behind.

Witnesses : Robert Wospray, Mayor ; John Hywet, Bailiff ; William Fyffhyde and John Chaunces, Constables ; John Bartelot ; William Bartelot.

Dated at Bath, 1 September, 13 Henry IV. (1412).

(85)

Grant by William Cubbul, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Adam Whyteford, and Matilda, his wife, for their lives, of two stalls which Thomas Fynch once held of them for his life, in Sutor street, situate between the stalls which John de Sambourn holds, on the east, and those which John Wodelond holds, on the west. Rendering yearly to the city cofferers 8 shillings ; remainder to Isabella, daughter of Adam and Matilda, for her life : Adam, Matilda and Isabella to rebuild the stalls within two years, and to repair them when there shall be need.

Witnesses : Alexander le Deyghare ; William Swayn ; Roger Cryst ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Vyngnur.

Dated at Bath, 31 May, 17 Edw. III. (1343).

(86)

Grant by William Cubbel, Mayor, to John Godeland, and Cristiana, his wife, and Alice, their younger daughter, for their lives, of two shops in Sutor street which Margery, formerly the wife of Adam the miller, holds of them for her life ; which

shops are between the shop of John de Sambourne, on the east, and that which the said John holds of Elias le Spicer, on the west. Rendering yearly eight shillings (with clause for maintenance and forfeiture if the rent be owing for three months).

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Thomas Stote ; Roger de Clywer ; Thomas de Thame ; Robert Tinctor ; John Tope.

Dated at Bath, Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 22 Edw. III. (22 December, 1348).

(87)

Grant by John Gregori, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to John Compe, Cristiana, his wife, and John, their son, of the reversion of a tenement, etc., which Giles Lenglach holds for his life by their grant, in Sutor street, lying between the tenement once William Cubbel's, on the one side, and the common oven which William Kyngesbrigge holds, on the other ; which tenement Giles had granted to John, and Cristiana, his wife, for his (Giles') life. To have and to hold to the said John Compe and Cristiana, and to John, their son, after the death of the said Giles, for their lives in survivorship. Rendering at Hokeday three pence half-penny for land gabel, and to the city cofferers during the life of Giles, 10 shillings yearly ; and after Giles' death rendering 20 shillings to the cofferers (with clauses for maintenance and forfeiture if the rent be in arrear for two months).

Witnesses : William Gregori, Mayor ; John Whittokesmede ; Robert Deigher ; Walter Carpenter ; Nicholas Swayn ; Thomas Carevile.

Dated at Bath, 10 May, 37 Edw. III. (1363).

(88)

Grant by John Gregorie, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to John [Compe], Cristiana, his wife, and John, their son, for their lives, of the reversion of a tenement which Giles Longbach holds by their grant in Sutor street, lying between the tenement of Stephen Brygg[man] on the west and it extends from Northgate street, on the east, and which Giles holds for life. Rendering yearly to the Bishop at Hokeday three pence half-penny for land gabel, and to the city cofferers ten shillings during the life of Giles, and after his death twenty shillings (with clause for maintenance and forfeiture if rent be not paid for one year).

Witnesses : John Whyttokesmede ; Robert Wattes ; Walter Carpenter ; John Natton ; John Milverton.

Dated at Bath, 10 May, 44 Edw. III. (1370).

(Damaged).

(89)

Grant by Richard Bedul, and the Commonalty, to John Compe, Cristiana, his wife, for their lives, and after their decease to Alice, their daughter, for her life, of the tenement in Sutor street, between the messuage of Stephen Brygman, on the west, and it extends to the way called Northgate street, on the east. Rendering yearly three pence halfpenny to the Bishop at Hokeday for land gabel, and to the

cofferers of the Commonalty ten shillings (with clause for forfeiture if rent be not paid for one month).

Witnesses : Richard Bedul, Mayor ; John Natton ; Robert Wattes ; Reginald Virgo ; William Coqe ; Thomas Swayn ; Richard Virgo.

Dated at Bath, Saturday before the Feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle, 5 Richard II. (7 June, 1382).

(90)

Counterpart of No. 89.

(91)

Grant by Robert Waspray, Mayor, and the Commonalty—after reciting that Cristiana, wife of William Guy, relict of John Compe, and Alice, his (John's) daughter, hold of the Mayor, etc., for their lives, a tenement in Chepstrete, lately called Souterstrete, at the corner between the High street called Northgate street, on the east and the cottage of the Master of St. John of Bath, on the west, which Walter Bowyer holds, on the west (sic)—of the reversion of the said tenement, to John Hendman, alias Bathe, Agnes and Elizabeth, the daughters he has on the day of the making of this deed, after the death of Christiana and Alice. Rendering yearly to the Commonalty after the decease of Christiana and Alice twenty shillings (with clause for maintenance, etc).

Witnesses : Robert Waspray, Mayor ; Thomas Plomere ; John Mareys ; Roger Testwode ; John Savage.

Dated at Bath, Morrow of Holy Trinity, 22 Richard II. (26 May, 1399).

(92)

Grant by William Hokekyns, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to William Newe, and Agnes, his wife, for their lives, of their tenement at the corner of Chepe street, between Northgate street, on the east, and the tenement which William Spenser, alias Wardroper, holds of the Master of St. John of Bath, on the west. Rendering yearly twenty shillings.

Witnesses : William Hokekyns, Mayor ; Thomas Abell and John Mydwynter, Constables ; William Clayton and Peter Kent, Cofferers.

Dated at Bath, Thursday before the Feast of Holy Trinity, 19 Henry VI. (8 June, 1441).

(93)

Grant by Robert Batyn, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to William Wodward, Agnes, his wife, and John and William, their sons, for their lives, in survivorship, of a tenement with a garden adjacent, in Chepe street, between that of the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the east, and that of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the west. Rendering yearly to the Mayor and Commonalty 11s. for all services. Saving to the Master of the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary eight pence, and to the church of Stalls 12d., and to the bailiff of the city 7½d. ; and after the death of William, Agnes, John, and William, or any of them, to pay twenty shillings yearly to the Commonalty (and the other charges as above, with clause for distress and forfeiture).

Witnesses : Robert Batyn, Mayor ; William Haynes ; Robert Rogeris ; Thomas Chaunceler ; William Tyler ; John Geffery, Aldermen ; William Wallcigh and Robert Chapman, Constables ; Thomas Kyppyng, Bailiff.

Dated at Bath on the Feast of Pentecost, 7 Henry VII. (10 June, 1492).

BUNDLE No. 4.

Containing ancient Deeds from the earliest time down to Edward IV. of premises in Stall Street, Walcot Street and Bynbury Lane in Bath from and to divers persons some of which are to the Corporation.

(1)

Grant in fee farm by David le Petit, of Bath, to Robert le Tanur, of Hampton, of a shop by the stalls of Bath, between the shop of Henry le Peteyvn, on the south, and the shop of John Wissi, on the north. Yearly rent 4 shillings of silver, payable at Michaelmas, St. Thomas, the Annunciation and St. John the Baptist, for all secular service, exaction and demand, saving the service of the lord the King, as much as pertains to the said shop, namely, 6 pence at the feast of St. Michael for land gabel. The grantee could alienate the property to anyone except Jews and religious men.

Witnesses : John de Porta ; John Cok ; John Wyssi ; Ernald le Vingnour ; John de Henton ; John de Wik ; William de Claferton.

(1230-50).

(2)

Grant by Robert the Tanner, to Roger Busse, and Alice, his wife, for 15s., of a stall (seldam) at the stalls of Bath, between John Wyssi's stall, on the north, and that of Henry Peitevin, on the south. Rendering yearly 4s. to the heirs of David Petit, or his assigns, and 6d. to the King at Michaelmas for land gabel.

Witnesses : William Sleh, Mayor ; Henry Cissor ; John Milis ; Walter Falc ; John Somitor ; John Ory ; Richard de Hupton ; William Pine ; Gilbert Cissor ; William Res ; Nicholas Clerk.

(1295-1302).

(3)

To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present writing, Christina, relict of Robert le Tannur, greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I of my pure and spontaneous will, and in my lawful widowhood, for me and my successors, have remitted and quitclaimed to William le Cran and his heirs or his assigns, all the right which I had or could have in a certain stall in the street of the stalls of Bath, which

Robert, formerly my husband, sold to Roger de Mitford, and the same Roger (sold) to the aforesaid William le Cran. And for this remission and quitclaim the said William has given to me four shillings sterling of new and lawful money. In witness whereof I have set my seal to the present writing.

Witnesses: Henry the tailor (cissor), then Mayor; Richard Everard, then Provost; John Milis; John Coc; Gilbert the tailor (cissor); William Seleht; Thomas Sweyn, and others.

Dated at Bath in the 8th year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Henry. (1279-80).

(4)

Grant by Joan de Bath, for 2s. of silver, to Roger de Mitforde, of an annual rent of 2 pence which the Master of St. John's Hospital was accustomed to pay him for the tenement which extends on (super) the King's bath.

Witnesses: William Seley; Henry Cissor; Richard Everard; Gilbert Cissor; John Miles.

(Circa 1300).

(5)

Grant by Roger de Mitford, for 40 shillings of silver, to William le Cran, of a messuage in Bath which he bought of Robert the tanner (tannator), lying in Stall street between the land of Godfrey Hose, on the south, and between the land of John Wissi, on the north. Rendering yearly to him (Roger Mitford) and his heirs a rose at Midsummer, and 4s. to Hugh Petit, saving to the King six pence at Michaelmas for land gabel.

Witnesses: Roger de Dichegate, Mayor; Henry Cissor; Robert Ori; John Milis; Richard Bussard; Godfrey Hose; Richard Wolf (Lupo); William le Res.

(Circa 1285).

(6)

Grant by Roger the goldsmith (aurifaber), with the consent of Margaret, his wife, for 5½ marks, to Geoffrey Huse, of a stall in Stall street, between the stall which was Henry Cissor's, on the north, and the stall belonging to the Master, etc., of St. John's Hospital, on the south. Rendering to the lord of the fee six pence at Michaelmas, and to Roger and his heirs one penny at the said term.

Witnesses: Nicholas Clerk (Clerico), Mayor; Henry Cissor; William Sley; Robert Cook; Gilbert Cissor; John Cook (Cocus); John Coc.

(Circa 1290).

(7)

Know present and to come that I, Henry Stanold, have given and granted, and quitclaimed, for me and my heirs for ever, to Robert Puther, and his heirs, all the right which I had in the stall to the south of the stalls of Bath, which belonged to Richard Stanold, my father, and Matilda, my mother. The aforesaid Robert Puther and his heirs shall therefore hold and have the stall aforesaid freely, quietly, entirely and honourably, without any reclamation and claim of me or my heirs, or such person to whom he shall wish to assign it. Rendering for it each year to the lords of the soil at the Feast of St. Michael, 7 pence, and at Hock Day, 5 pence, for land gabel, for all service and demand. And for this my gift, grant and quitclaim, the said Robert

Puther has given me one mark of silver. And I, Henry Stanold, touching the Holy Evangelists, for me and my heirs have sworn, that we will never seek art or design whereby the aforesaid Robert Puther or his heirs, or such person to whom he shall wish to assign the same, shall be eligned (removed) from the stall aforesaid. And that the same may be held ratified and established, I have corroborated this present charter with the impression of my seal. This grant and quitclaim was solemnly made in the full Hundred Court of Bath, on the Feast of St. Nicholas, in the third year after the death of King John.

Witnesses: Helias, dean of Bath; Richard the chaplain; Swein; Thomas, his son; Gervaise; David Little (Parvo); Henry Cubbel; Hugh de Aixton; Swein de Weston; Walter de Weston; Henry the porter; Geoffrey the porter; Richard la Waite, and many others.

(6 December, 1218).

(8)

Know present and to come that I, Matilda Stanold, with the consent and assent of Henry Stanold, my son, have sold to Robert Puther, my stall to the south of the stalls of Bath, which is situate upon the land late of Nigel the porter, for 48 shillings. To hold and to have to himself and his heirs in perpetual and hereditary right or to whom he shall wish to assign it, freely and quietly, entirely and honourably. Rendering for it yearly to the lords of the soil at the Feast of St. Michael 7 pence, and at Hock Day 5 pence for land gabel (land tax) for all service and demand. This sale was solemnly made in the full Hundred Court of Bath, at the Feast of St. Nicholas, in the third year after the death of King John; and that the same may be held ratified and established, this present charter I have corroborated with the impression of my seal.

Witnesses: Helias, dean of Bath; Richard the chaplain; Swein; Gervase; Henry Cappel; David Parvus; Hugh de Aixton; Swein de Weston; Henry the porter; Geoffrey the porter, and many others.

(6 December, 1218).

(9)

Know present and to come that I, Walter, son of Serlo, in my lawful power, have given to Juliana, daughter of William Springod, one stall to the south of the stalls of Bath, which I bought of Robert Puther for 4 marks and half a mark of silver. To hold and to have to himself and to whomsoever he shall wish to give or assign it. Rendering for it yearly to the lords of the soil at the Feast of St. Michael 7 pence, and at Hock Day 5 pence for land gabel (land tax), for all service, exaction and demand. And that this my gift may have the strength of perpetual security, this present charter I have confirmed with the impression of my seal.

Witnesses: Caskill de Weston; John de Porta at that time Mayor of Bath; Andrew the clerk; Geoffrey Wissi; Hugh de Ayston; Thomas Sweyn; Walter Cappel, and many others.

(Circa 1230).

[An old translation says it contains, perhaps, the very earliest mention of a Mayor of Bath. The device of the seal has much of the appearance of an ancient gem].

(10)

Grant by Richard de Forda, with the consent of his wife, for 10 marks, to David Little (Parvo), of three stalls in Bath, one next the door of the church of St. Mary of Stalls, on the south, and another which is in the middle, between the stall of Robert Pictavensis and that of Peter, son of John Goldsmith (Aurifabri), and the third, which I exchanged with St. John's Hospital. To have and to hold to him and to his heirs, of Richard and his heirs, freely and quietly from all service belonging to Richard or to his heirs, saving land gabel and half a pound of wax yearly to be paid to the church of St. Peter at the Feast of St. Michael. And the said David shall render to Richard and his heirs, certain gloves yearly at Easter, of the worth of 1d.

Witnesses : Robert de Reigny, then serjeant of Bath ; Swein et Gervase ; Swein de Weston ; Robert Little (Parvus) ; Peter Kinefaut ; Hugh de Aiston ; Richard Cook ; Henry Cubbel ; Walter de Celario ; Robert Blund.

(Circa 1220).

(11)

Grant by Geoffrey House, of Bath, to John, son of John Cook (Coco), and John Peytevin, of all his land in Stall street, lying between the land of St. Mary de Stalls, on the south, and that of William le Kran, on the north, and it extends from the street, in front, to the churchyard behind ; together with the shop built upon it. Rendering yearly 6 pence to the Bishop of Bath at Michaelmas for land gabel, and 4s. to Henry le Taylor, with power to them to give all these things for his and their souls as purely and freely as if his body was there, according to the custom of the town.

Witnesses : Gilbert le Tailor, Mayor ; Henry le Taylor ; Richard Everard, Provost of the town ; William Sleh ; Richard de Henley.

(1280).

(12)

Quitclaim by William Verrarius, and Randulf, his son, to William Sleh, and Mabel, his wife, of all his land, etc., in Bath, on the west side of the great street going from Stall street to the South gate, between the land which was David Little's (Parvus), on the south, and that which Robert Spurling had, on the north. For which William Sleh gave to William Verrarius a robe of bluet, and to Randulf one robe of punace, and if they dispute this grant they will give 40 shillings to the King.

Witnesses : John Coc ; Henry Scissor ; William de Claverton ; Walter Falc ; Roger Budde ; John Quissin ; John Ori ; John Miles ; William Res ; Richard de Warewik ; William Cook (Cocus) ; Robert Cook (Cocus).

(Circa 1250).

(13)

Grant by Thomas Fraunceys, and Cristina Athelames, his wife, for 3s. in silver, to Robert Oppeclive, and Alice, his wife, for the life of the said Cristina, of a stall in Stall street, between the land of St. John's Hospital, on the north, and the land of the Almoner of the Prior of Bath, on the south. Rendering yearly 8s. to Thomas and Cristina.

Witnesses : William Cook, Mayor ; William Suel ; Richard the miller ; Henry Batin ; William Clerk.

(1299—1312).

(14)

Grant by Gilbert Tayllur, for 20 marks, to Robert Plonte, of Saltforde, once bailiff of Marsfelde, of his tenement in Stall street, situate between that of John Daniel, on the south, and that which was Richard Legat's, on the north. Rendering yearly a rose at Midsummer in respect of the same fee (feodum), and 3s. to the Bishop of Bath at two terms, viz., at Hokeday and Michaelmas, for all customs, etc.

Witnesses : Richard Everard ; Adam Fullo ; Richard the taverner (tabernario) , Nicholas le Lavender ; Nicholas le Heye ; Robert Cook ; John de Scyrburne ; Adam de Fonte ; John de Dove.

(Circa 1280).

(15)

Grant by Robert Plonte, of Saltforde, to Benedict de Stoke, for 10 marks and 10 shillings, of his tenement in Stall street, which lies between the tenement of the Commonalty, which formerly was John Daniel's, on the south, and the tenement of the aforesaid Benedict, on the north. Rendering yearly 3s. at the two terms viz., at Hokeday and Michaelmas, and to Gilbert le Tayllur, etc., a rose at Midsummer.

Witnesses : William Scuel, Mayor ; Henry Batyn, Provost ; William Cook (Cocus) ; John de Scyrburn ; Thomas Sweyn : Ralph Taverner (Tabernario) ; Nicholas le Lavender.

(1295—1303).

(16)

Know present and to come that I, Henry Peytevin, of Bath, in my free power have granted, sold, and by this my present charter have confirmed, for me and my heirs for ever, to John Coc, and his heirs or assigns, a certain stall at the stalls of Bath, for 4 marks of silver and one tunic of bluet (blue cloth) which the same John paid me : which stall is at the west end of the churchyard, on the east side of the plot opposite to that house which belonged to Hidebrond, between the stall of Master Henry Parvus, and the stall of Walter Falc. The said John, and his heirs or assigns, shall therefore hold and have the same stall, with its liberties and free customs, and all its appurtenances, in fee and inheritance, for ever, fully and peacefully, freely and quietly, from all claim and disturbance by me and my heirs or any other persons. Rendering yearly for it to the lord the King at the Feast of St. Michael for land gabel (land tax), 6 pence, for all service, custom, plaint, exaction and demand. I, therefore, Henry Peytevin, and my heirs and assigns, will warrant and defend the aforesaid stall, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Coc, and his heirs or assigns, for ever, against all men and women. And that this my grant, sale and confirmation may have the strength of perpetual security, I have corroborated the present charter with the impression of my seal.

Witnesses : John de Port ; Henry the tailor (scissor) ; Roger Budd ; William de Clafferton ; Jordan de Henley ; Walter Falc ; Randulf le Archer ; John, son of Miles ; Walter Brian, and others.

This sale, I, Henry, have made for my urgent need, because I was charged with money due to the King, and was heavily indebted to him for my ransom, in the year of grace 1249, and in the 34th year of the reign of King Henry III., by assent and consent of Joan, then my wife, In witness of which sale the citizens of Bath have to this charter set the seal of their Commonalty.

(17)

Know present and to come that I, Peter Chamberlayn, of Sheftebury, have given and granted, and by this my present charter have confirmed, for me and my heirs, to Richard Donekan, vicar of Sustoke, one yearly rent of 12 shillings, every year, from the house which Thomas Sweyn held of me in Bath, opposite to the church of St. Mary de Stalls of Bath, to be taken at the four terms of the year, to wit, at the Feast of St. John the Baptist, 3 shillings, at the Feast of St. Michael, 3 shillings, at our Lord's Nativity, 3 shillings, and at Easter, 3 shillings. To have and to hold the said yearly rent of 12 shillings to the said Richard, and his heirs or his assigns, of me and my heirs or my assigns, freely and quietly, fully and peacefully, well and in peace, in hereditary right for ever, without doing any service for it to me or my heirs or my assigns; and for this gift and grant and confirmation of my present charter the aforesaid Richard gave me 12 marks in pennies. And I, the said Peter, and my heirs or assigns, will warrant and acquit the aforesaid yearly rent of 12 shillings to the aforesaid Richard, and his heirs and his assigns, against all men and women for ever. And that this gift, grant and confirmation of my present charter, may obtain validity, I have to the present charter set my seal.

Witnesses : Henry, then Mayor of Bath; Walter Falc; Robert Coc (Cocus); William Sleygh; John Milis; Gilbert the tailor (cissor); Richard de Henleye and John Marshal (Marescallo), then Escheators; Henry Absolon; Richard Everard; William the porter (janitore); William le Res; Robert Stabularius; Henry Tropinas, and others.

(Circa 1260 to 1270).

[Note from an old translation :—

The Mayor, it will be observed, has no surname; most probably Henry the tailor, named in Deed No. 3, is meant: the person of that name in Deed No. 16, perhaps was another person].

(18)

Grant by Peter, son of Peter Goldsmith (Aurifabri), of Sheftebury, for 12 marks in pence, to Sir Eduard de Donekan, vicar of Sustoke, of a yearly rent of 12 shillings from the house which Thomas Sweyn held by chirograph between me and him, made before the intinerant justices at Bath, which house is opposite the church of the Blessed Mary at Stalls. Rendering 12 shillings at four terms of the year.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor; Robert Cook (Cocus); William le Res; John Milis; Roger de Mitford; Richard Everard; Richard de Henleye; Henry Absolon; Nicholas Bissup.

(Circa 1270).

(19)

Grant by Richard Donekan, vicar of South Stoke, for the salvation of his soul and the souls of all his ancestors and successors, and of all his benefactors and all the faithful deceased, and for the maintenance of the masses of the Commonalty of

Bath, to the Commonalty of Bath, of a yearly rent of 12 shillings, to be taken from a tenement opposite the church of the Blessed Mary de Stalls : which rent he bought from Peter Goldsmith, of Sheftebury.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, Mayor ; Adam Fullo, Provost ; Gilbert Cissor ; Richard Tabernarius ; John de Scyreburne.

(1286).

(20)

Counterpart of No. 19.

(21)

Quitclaim by Thomas Sweyn, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, of all his right in a certain yearly rent of 12 shillings to be taken from a tenement by the stalls of Bath, opposite to the church of the Blessed Mary de Stalls ; which said rent Richard Donekan, vicar of the church of Southstoke, gave to the Commonalty of Bath, for ever.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor ; William Cook (Cocus) ; William Scuel ; John de Scyreburn ; Henry Scyle ; John de Dovere ; John Fynch.

Dated on the day of St. Vincent the Martyr, 24 Edw. I. (22 January, 1295-96).

(22)

Grant by Hammund de Kelweston, and Cristina, his wife, for 3 shillings of silver, to Walter Wytesone, and his wife, for their lives, of a stall in Stall street, between the land of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, on the north, and the land of the Almoner of the Priory of Bath, on the south. Rendering yearly to Hamund and Cristina, 6 shillings, with reversion to the said Hamund and Cristina and their heirs.

Witnesses : Stephen de Devyses, Mayor ; William de Kemyngton, Provost ; Gilbert Cissor ; William Cook (Cocus) ; Adam Knyfeth.

(1280-1295).

(23)

Counterpart of No. 22.

(24)

Release by Thomas Fraunceys, and Cristina, his wife, relict of Walter Whitesone, to Alexander Tincter, and Ellen, his wife, of all their right in 3 shillings yearly rent which they were wont to take from Robert Dunt for a shop in Stall street, between a tenement of St. John's Hospital, on the north, and a tenement of the Almoner of the Priory of Bath, on the south.

Witnesses : Adam Whitesone, Mayor ; John Cole ; Roger Cole ; Richard le Raignur.

Dated : 10 Oct., 2 Edw. III. (1328).

(25)

Deed by which Thomas Fraunceys, and Cristina, his wife, relict of Walter Whitesone, of Bath, to Robert Boneclyne, called Dunt—after reciting that because Nicholas de la Mare, son and heir of Hamon de Calveston, by his charter, granted to Alexander Tincter, and Ellen, his wife, and to the heirs of Alexander, six shillings of yearly rent which he was accustomed to pay to Thomas and Cristina for a shop

which he held of them for the life of Cristina, in Stall street, between the tenement of the hospital of St. John, on the north, and the tenement of the Almoner of the Priory of Bath, on the south and in respect of which rent they attorned to Alexander and Ellen—grant that they will answer for the said six shillings of rent and two shillings of increment of rent to Alexander and Ellen and to the heirs of Alexander.

Witnesses : Adam Whitesone, Mayor ; John de Wyke ; John Cole ; Roger Cole ; Henry Hurel.

Dated at Bath, 1 October, 2 Edw. III. (1328).

(26)

Grant by Nicholas de la Mare, son and heir of Hamon de Calveston, to Alexander Tinctore, and Ellen, his wife, and to the heirs of Alexander, of 6 shillings of rent, which he was accustomed to receive yearly from Cristina, who was the wife of Walter Whiteson, for a shop which she held of Nicholas for her life, in Stall street, and which is between a tenement of St. John's Hospital, on the north, and a tenement of the Almoner of the Priory, on the south ; and of the reversion of the said shop after the death of Cristina.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : Adam Whitesone, Mayor ; Geoffrey Hamond, Provost ; John de Wyke ; John Cole ; Roger Cole.

Dated at Bath, 30 Sept., 2 Edw. III. (1328).

(27)

Grant by Nicholas de la Mare, son and heir of Hamon de Calveston, Thomas Fraunceys, and Cristina, his wife, relict of Walter Whitesone, to Alexander Tinctore, and Ellen, his wife, and the heirs of Alexander, that they will be answerable for the rent of 6s. etc. (as in No. 26).

Witnesses : Adam Whitesone ; John de Wyke ; John Cole ; Roger Cole ; Henry Hurel.

Dated at Bath, 30 Sept., 2 Edw. III. (1328).

(28)

Missing.

(29)

Grant by William, called the Breware, of Kausweghe, and Matilda, his wife, to Alexander Tinctore, of his tenement in Stall street, between that of John Fontel, on the south, and Ralph Tinctore's, on the north, which tenement Matilda had for her life by the will of William le Bedman, formerly her husband.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; John Cole ; Adam Whitesone ; Henry Hurel, Provost ; Richard le Boye.

(1325-1336).

(30)

Release by Ellen, daughter and heir of William the Bedman, of Bath, and Matilda, his wife, to John de Southstoke, chaplain, of all her right in a tenement which Alexander Tinctore, of Bath, had by grant of William, called the Brewar, of Kausweghe, and Matilda, his wife, her mother, for the term of her (Matilda's) life,

and which tenement is in Stall street, between that which John Fontel held, on the south, and that which Ralph Tincter held, on the north, and which tenement William le Bedeman, her father, had of the feoffment of the venerable Lord John, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and also by grant of the Chapter of Bath and Wells.

Seal of the Mayor of Bath.

Witnesses : Walter le Carpenter, Mayor ; Thomas Stote ; Robert le Deyghar ; John Gregori ; John Funtel.

Dated at Bath, Sunday next after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, 34 Edw. III. (3 August, 1360).

(51)

Grant by John de Southstoke, chaplain, to John de Whittokesmede, citizen, of that tenement with the curtilage in Stall street, between the tenement formerly belonging to Ralph Tincter, on the north, and the oven which John Funtel once held, on the south ; which said tenement he (John de Southstoke) had of the feoffment of Thomas, son and heir of Alexander le Deyghare.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Gregori, Mayor ; Walter le Carpenter ; Robert le Dyare ; Geoffrey le Nyweman ; Walter le Goldsmyth.

Dated at Bath, 4 Dec., 36 Edw. III. (1362).

(32)

Grant by Luke the miller (molendinarius), of Calneston, and Agnes, his wife, daughter of Nicholas de le Mare, of Calneston, to the Mayor and Commonalty, of 5 shillings of yearly rent issuing from a shop which William Hendyman formerly held in Stall street ; which shop is situate between the shop which John Batyn held, on the north, and that which Nicholas de Lewes held, on the south ; and likewise 2 shillings of rent from a shop in the same street, which William le Porter holds, and which lies between the shop of John Fynch, on the north, and the shop which William Bouche holds, on the south. For which grant the Mayor, etc., grant to them the messuage in Plumtroulane which Cristina la Voysy holds for her life.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Adam Whitesone ; Alexander Tincter ; Roger Crist ; William Sweyn ; Henry Hurel ; Henry le Mareschal ; John Huson.

Dated at Bath, 11 March, 19 Edw. III. (1344-45).

(33)

Grant by Luke the miller (molendinarius), of Calneston, and Agnes, his wife, daughter of Nicholas de la Mare, of Calneston, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, for ever, of 5 shillings of yearly rent issuing from a shop which William Hendyman holds in Stall street, and which he was accustomed to pay to them ; and which said shop is situate between the shop which John Batyn holds, on the north, and that which Peter de Lewes holds, on the south ; and likewise 2 shillings of yearly rent issuing from a certain shop in the aforesaid street, which William le Porter holds, and which is situate between the shop of John Fynch, on the north, and the

shop which William Bouche holds, on the south. For which grant the Mayor, etc., granted to Luke and Agnes a messuage in Plumtrecolane, which Cristina la Voysy holds for her life.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Richard Whytesone ; Alexander Tinctur ; Roger Cryst ; William Swayn ; Henry Hurel ; Henry le Mareschal ; John Husee.
(Circa 1340).

(34)

Agreement made between Alexander Dyer (Tinctur), of Bath, and Thomas le Mortemer, and Alice, his wife, by which Alexander grants to Thomas, as long as he should live, a stall in Bath, with the solar and curtilage adjacent, which Isabella Basse holds in Stall street, and which is situate between the stall which Richard Telly holds, on the north, and the stall of the said Alexander, on the south. After the decease of Thomas the said stall, etc., to remain to Alice, his wife, by reason of dower in respect of the tenement which the said Alexander had of the feoffment of the said Thomas Mortemer in the street outside the Southgate, together with the reversion of a stall annexed to the said tenement, on the south ; the said Alice rendering to Alexander yearly 3 shillings ; and hereupon Alice, touching the Holy Word, swore, in the presence of Roger Crist, Mayor, Sir Walter, rector of the church of St. James, Bath, William de Farlegh, chaplain, John Coke, Walter le Carpenter, Edward Clerk, and others, that she would faithfully hold the said agreement after the death of the said Thomas, her husband.

Witnesses : Roger Crist, Mayor ; Adam Whytesone ; William Swayn ; Henry Hurel ; William Cubbul.

Dated at Bath, 5 Feb., 15 Edw. III. (1340-41).

(35)

Grant by William Scuell and Robert le Venur, for 5 marks of silver, to William le Norreys, of a stall in Stall street, in the corner between the stall which Richard le Knyth holds, on the one side, and the stall which Peter le Brevitor holds, on the other side. To hold the stall of the Master, brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital for the lives of William and Robert. Rendering yearly to the Master, etc., 10 shillings.

Witnesses : Thomas Sweyn, Mayor ; Eustace Mercator, Provost ; Adam Fullo , William Cook (Cocus) ; David Taverner (Tabernarius).

(1296).

(36)

Quitclaim by Roger Goldsmith (Aurifaber), and Margery, his wife, for 2 shillings of silver, to William Cook, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, of all their right in a stall in Stall street, between the stall which was Henry Cissor's, on the north, and the stall belonging to the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the south.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor ; Adam atte Pype ; John de Dovece ; John de Scyrburne ; Eustace Mercator.

Dated at Bath, 4 Ides, (12) Oct. (1293).

(37)

Quitclaim by Alice Cok, to Benedict de Stoke, of all her right which she had in the name of dower in a certain tenement in Stall street between the tenements of the said Benedict on both sides.

Witnesses : William Cook, Mayor ; Sir Robert, vicar of the church of the Blessed Mary de Stalls ; Peter le Brevitor ; Thomas Fynch ; William Adeu.

Dated at Bath, Sunday the Morrow of St. Benedict the Abbot, 3 Edw. II. (22 March, 1309-10).

(38)

Release by Roger de Comewelle, to John Cole, of Bath, of all his right in a stall with solar and cellar, etc., opposite the corner of Stall street by the corn market, between the stall of William le Nyweman, on the east, and the tenement of Amice Sweyn, on the west. To hold of the chief lord, etc, for ever.

Witnesses : Richard Whytesone ; John called the Bakere ; John de Wyke, Clerk ; Nicholas the porter, then Provost ; Robert de Hampton.

Dated at Bath, 1 Oct., 13 Edw. II. (1319).

(39)

Quitclaim by John Pak, son and heir of Walter Pak, of Bath, to John Cole, of Bath, and Agnes, his wife, and to John, their son, and the heirs of John, the younger, of all his right in two stalls in Stall street, which Thomas le Coupere, his uncle, bequeathed to them, and which is situate between the oven of the Bishop of Bath, on the south, and the stall of John, son of William le Keu, on the north.

Witnesses : John Pistor (Baker), Mayor ; Peter le Brevytur ; Richard Wytesone ; John de Wyke ; Richard Boye ; Adam Wytesone, William Sweyn.

Dated at Bath, 20 June, 9 Edw. II. (1316).

(40)

Release by Felicia de Holeweye, relict of William de Holeweye, to Alexander le Deyare, citizen, of all her right in that tenement in Stall street, between the plot of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the south, and the shop which is held of the bishop, which John de Marsfelde holds, on the north ; and which said tenement her husband held of the said bishop.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Adam Whyteson ; Roger Cryst ; William Sweyn ; Robert Wyndom.

Dated at Bath, Monday the Feast of the Epiphany, 16 Edw. III. (6 January, 1342-43).

(41)

Bond by Henry Martyn, of Wydecumbe, to the Mayor and Commonalty, in an annual rent of 100 shillings to be taken by the hands of the proctors of the masses of the said Commonalty from his tenement in Stall street, which is between the

tenement of John le Plomer, on the north, and that of Bartholomew de Donkerton, on the south ; which said rent they had of the feoffment of Nicholas le Lavender and Clarice, his wife, (with a clause of confirmation and warranty to the Mayor).

Witnesses : John de Wyke, Mayor ; John Cole ; Roger Cole ; Richard le Boye ; William a Deu ; Adam Wytesone ; John le Plomer.

Dated at Bath, Friday before the Feast of the Purification, 1 Edw. III. (30 January, 1326-27).

(42)

Grant by Alice, daughter and heir of John le Res, of Bath, to Roger Crist, Mayor, and the Commonalty, their heirs or assigns, of four shillings worth of yearly rent which she was wont to take from William Hendyman for a stall in Stall street, for her life, which stall is situate between the stall which Adam de Farlegh bought of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, in Holeweye, on the south, and the stall which John Batyn holds of John Cole, for his life, on the north.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Dated at Bath, 10 July, 13 Edw. III. (1339).

(43)

Indenture witnessing that William de Iford delivered and confirmed to Sir John, vicar of the church of Thacham, and John, rector of the church of Schawe, all his right in a certain plot of land contiguous to the tenement of Walter le Carpenter in Stall street ; which said plot William had of William le Newemaster, of Bristol, by reason of a certain statute made for merchants, made to the same William le Newemaster by Benedict Hercy, of Bath. To have and to hold the said plot to the said John and John, their heirs and executors, as assigns of the said William, until the sum in the said statute contained, together with the costs and expenses thereof shall be fully levied according to the force and effect of the statute aforesaid.

Dated : London, Monday the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate, 33 Edw. III. (6 May, 1359).

(44)

Bond by Benedict Hercy, of Bath, mercer, of cos. Somerset and Southampton, to William le Nyuwemaister, of Bristol, mercer, in four pounds sterling, for hides bought from the same William, to be paid to William, or his attorney, or executors, at Michaelmas three years 40 shillings, and at Easter then next following 40s., and unless he does it he wills and grants that the distress and penalty provided in the statute made at Acton Burnel and Westminster for creditors and debtors shall be incurred upon him, his heirs and executors, and upon all his goods movable and immovable, to the hands of whomsoever they should come.

Benedict's own seal together with the seal of the King for creditors and debtors provided therefor at Bristol set thereto.

Witnesses : William de Werre ; William de Langeleye ; Roger Beauvoir and John de Leominster, burgesses of Bristol, for witnessing such deeds.

Dated at Bristol, by the hands of John Daxbridge, Mayor of the said town, and Richard de Calne, clerk, 26 April, 5 Edw. III. (1331).

(45)

Counterpart of No. 44.

(46)

Grant by Philip Pilk, of Bradeford, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, of a yearly rent of 12 pence issuing from a tenement in Stall street, between the tenement of the Bishop of Bath, on the north, and the tenement of John Cole, on the south.

Witnesses : John Gregori, Mayor ; Walter le Carpenter ; Thomas Stote ; Robert le Deighere ; Henry Jolyf.

Dated at Bath, Friday next after the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, 35 Edw. III. (27 August, 1361).

(47)

Release by Agnes Cubbel, daughter and heir of Adam de Farleygh, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, of all her right in a shop in Stall street, which William Cubbel, her husband, bequeathed to the aforesaid Mayor, etc., and which said shop descended to her after the death of Thomas de Farleygh, her brother ; and it lies between the shop of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the south, and the shop of the Mayor, etc., on the north.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Peter, rector of Walcote ; Sir Ralph, vicar of Stalls ; Sir William, rector of St. Michael ; Sir William, rector of St. Mary ; Sir John, rector of St. James ; Robert Deyghar ; John Gregori ; Thomas Stote.

Dated at Bath, 1 July, 30 Edw. III. (1356).

(48)

Indenture made at Bath, on Wednesday the Feast of St. Edmund the King and Martyr, 16 Ric. II, between William Rous, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, of the one part, and William Scropchire, and Juliana, his first wife, and John, their eldest son, of the other part, witnesseth that the Mayor, etc., demised to William, Juliana and John, a shop with a solar in Stall street, between the shop of the Prior of Bath, which John Lakoc holds, on the south, and the shop which John Dynton held of the said Mayor, etc., on the north. To hold the said shop, etc., to William, Juliana and John for their lives in survivorship. Rendering yearly 12s.

Witnesses : William Rous, Mayor ; Robert Westpray ; Richard Budel ; John Natton ; Roger Testwode.

(22 November, 1392).

(49)

Grant by Robert Wattes, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Lacock and ——— his wife, for their lives, of a stall in Stall street, which John Chanew once held, situate between the stalls of the Commonalty on each side. Rendering yearly to the cofferers of the City 5s. of silver, and to the proctors of their chantry 9s. and to the lord Bishop the rents and services due and accustomed.

Witnesses : John Whyttokesmede ; John Gregori ; Walter Carpenter ; John Natton.

Dated at Bath, 6 Feb., 45 Edw. III. (1370-71).

(50)

Grant by Robert Wattes, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Nicholas Buryton, and Alice, his first wife, and after their decease to John, their eldest son, for their lives, of a tenement in Stall street, between the tenement which Roger the Parmenter holds, on the south, and the lane which goes to the King's bath, on the north. Rendering yearly to the Commonalty 14s. 1½d.

Witnesses : Henry de Forde ; John Whyttokesmede , John Gregory ; Walter Carpenter ; John Natton.

Dated at Bath, 1 Feb., 45 Edw. III. (1370-71).

(51)

Grant by John Cole, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to the aforesaid John Cole, and Agnes, his wife, for their lives, of a stall in Stall street, near the entrance to the church of St. Mary's de Stalls, on the south, and which Henry Batyn formerly held. Rendering yearly 8s. After their decease the same shop to revert to the Mayor, etc., in as good or better state as they received it.

Witnesses : John, called le Bacare ; John de Wyke ; Richard le Boye ; William de Blakedon ; John Tinctor.

Dated at Bath, 20 March, 13 Edw. II. (1319-20).

(52)

Missing.

(53)

Grant by William Cubbel, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Robert le Tylare, and to Isabella, his first wife, for their lives, of a tenement, etc., in Stall street, which they had by the bequest of John Frooman, and it lies between the lane which goes to the King's bath, on the north, and the tenement which Walter de Lambrigge once held, on the south. Rendering yearly to the vicar of the Blessed Mary de Stalls the 12 pence of silver contained in the charter made by Benedict de Stoke to him, and to the Commonalty 13 shillings and three farthings for all secular services, saving royal service (with clauses for maintenance and forfeiture, and for distress if the rent is in arrear for three months). After the decease of the aforesaid Robert and Isabella the said tenement shall revert to the Mayor and Commonalty.

Witnesses : Walter Cubbel, Mayor ; Thomas Stote ; John Tope ; Robert de Dunsterre ; Roger de Clywer ; Walter le Carpenter.

Dated at Bath, Sunday after the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 23 Edw. III. (27 September, 1349).

(54)

Missing.

(55)

Grant by Benedict Le Zonge (Young), of Hangyngstoke, citizen of Bath, to Joan de Canyggus, who was the wife of William de Sautemareys, of his tenement in Stall street, between the lane which goes towards the King's bath, on the north, and the tenement which Walter Clement holds of him for his life, on the south, and it extends from the highway as far as the wall of the bishop, on the east ; also grant to Joan of all his goods and chattels being in the said tenement on the day of the making

of the present charter. To hold of the chief lords freely, etc. Rendering yearly to the Bishop of Bath 4s. 1½d. namely 2s. 0¾d. at Michaelmas, and 2s. 0¾d. at Hokkeday.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; John Tinctor, Provost ; Roger Cole ; John de Wyke ; John Cubbel ; Richard le Boy ; William Ken.

Dated at Bath, 8 June, 19 Edw. II. (1326).

(56)

The Will of Benedict de Stok :—

In the name of God, Amen.

Friday next after the Feast of St. Kalixtus 1326 11 November.

For his funeral, 10 shillings.

To Sir John, vicar of Stalls, 12 pence, and to his clerk, 2 pence.

To John, his son, his best robe.

To Joan de Kanynges, his wife, his tenement in Stall street, in Bath, between the lane leading to the King's bath, on the north, and a tenement of Walter Clement, on the south ; which said tenement the said Walter held of him for his life ; also the reversion of the same tenement after the said Walter's death, she paying thereout yearly, for ever, to the Bishop of Bath 7 shillings and a pound of wax for a taper for St. Mary de Stalls, at the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, and 4 pence for four masses to be celebrated in the said church of Stalls on the day of his anniversary, for his soul, for ever.

A rent of 6 shillings to his same wife for ever, to be charged upon a tenement which Richard le Peyntor, and Alice, his wife, held for the term of their lives, in Vroggemere lane, in the suburb of Bath, with the reversion of the same tenement after the decease of the said Richard and Alice.

To his son, John, a rent of 2 shillings, to be received out of the aforesaid tenement in Vroggemere lane, for the term of his life.

To Joan, his wife, his tenement situate without the South gate in the suburb of Bath, between the tenement of the Prior of Bath, in the same place, on both sides.

To John, his son, 3 shillings yearly, to be received out of the same tenement, for his life.

The residue of his goods not before disposed of, to Joan, his wife.

And he appointed, as executors, John Funtel and Richard le Vygnur.

Dated : Friday after the Feast of St. Kalixtus the Pope 1326.

Proved in the great church at Wells, 11th November following, before Walter de Hulle, rector of the church of Scheptone Beauchamp, Commissary of the official of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, by Sir Philip de Bath and William de Brokenbergh.

(57)

Grant by Joan de Canygges, formerly the wife of Benedict le Zonge (Young), of Hangyngstoke, citizen of Bath, in her lawful widowhood, to John Freoman, of Cherletone, of her tenement in Stall street, situate between the lane which goes towards the King's bath, on the north, and the tenement which Walter Clement holds, on the south, and it extends from the King's highway as far as the wall of the Bishop, on the east ; also grant to John of all her goods and chattels being in

the aforesaid tenement on the day of making her present charter, for a sum of money which she acknowledges to be paid. Rendering therefor yearly to the Bishop of Bath 4s. 1½d. at Michaelmas and Hokkeday.

Witnesses : Adam Wytson, Mayor ; Geoffrey Cachepol, Provost ; Ralph le Dyere ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Boy ; William Deu ; Richard le Raior ; William Funtel ; Richard le Vygnor.

Dated at Bath, Saturday next before the Feast of St. Valentine, 3 Edw. II. (15 February, 1309-10).

(58)

Grant by John, formerly Marshal of the Prior of Bath, for 40 shillings sterling, to Nicholas le Parker, of one messuage with a curtilage, etc., in the street towards Walecote, which is situate between the croft of the Prior of Bath, on the north, and the tenement of the Blessed Mary de Stalls, on the south. Rendering therefor yearly to the said John a rose at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and to the Bishop 2½d. at Hokeday for land gabel.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; William le Comandut ; John Mylys ; Roger Alayn ; John de Scyreburne.

(1286).

(59)

Grant by William, son of John de Shyrburne, to Richard Scorch, and Joan, his wife, and to Alice and Isabella, their daughters, for their lives, for 2 marks of silver, of a messuage lying by the street which goes towards Walecote, between the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the north, and the land of the Commonalty, on the south. Rendering therefor yearly to William four shillings. The said Joan, Alice and Isabella shall maintain the said messuage in as good state or better than they received it, and it shall be lawful for them to fell any tree being within the close of the said messuage for making anything for the house without William's assent.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; William Cook ; Peter the miller ; Reginald Golde ; Robert de Hampton.

(1317-1327).

(60)

Grant by Peter de Wike, forester, for ros., to Jordan de Henlegh, citizen, of his land outside the Northgate, next the land of Richard Wicfar, on the north, in the plot through which it goes to Walecote on the upper side of that plot ; and it contains 40 feet in length, and 34½ feet in width, and moreover from the lower side of that plot the north side of William's curtilage, next the land formerly of Daniel the tanner, on the south, and it extends from the said plot into the river of Avon. Rendering therefor yearly to William and his heirs 2 shillings.

Witnesses : Henry de Raincham, then Bailiff of Bath ; Kaskil de Weston ; William de Langeford ; John de Porta ; John Coch ; William de Clafferton ; Robert Buche ; John the cutler (cultellario) ; Ralph le Archer ; Arnald le Vinnar.

(Circa 1240).

(61)

Grant by Jordan de Henley, for three marks six shillings, to Henry, called Cook, (Cocus), son of Alewine de Cheorlecumb, of certain land outside the North gate, which he bought of Peter, called the Forester, of Wike, and which lies in the lower part of the plot through which the road goes to Walecot, between the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the north, and the land of Richard Whicfar, on the south, and which extends to the river Avon. Rendering therefor yearly to the said Peter the forester, etc., 1s. 6d.

Witnesses : Master Thomas of Flandrensis, clerk, then Bailiff of Bath ; Sweyn de Weston ; Geoffrey Mareward ; John Coc ; Henry Cissor, Mayor ; Randolph le Archer ; William Smith (Fabro) ; William de Clafferton ; Walter Falc ; William Cook ; Hugh Mascun ; Walter Finegal ; John Miles ; William Sleghe.

(1323-24).

(62)

Grant by Alice, relict of Richard Fykeys, for 24 shillings, to Richard Harold, the Marshal, and Matilda, his wife, of a messuage, etc., near the road which goes to Walecot, between the land of John de Wike, on the north, and that of the brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital, on the south. Rendering yearly 6 pence.

Witnesses : William Scuel, Mayor ; Henry Batyn, Provost ; William Cook ; Peter le Brevitor ; Richard the miller ; Alexander de Leye ; John Columbel.

Dated at Bath, Wednesday the Octaves of the Epiphany, 33 Edw. I. (14 January, 1304-5).

(63)

Grant by John le Mareschal, of Bath, son and heir of Richard le Mareschal, to Adam Whitesone, of a tenement etc., in which John de Jork now lives, and which is in Walecote street, between the tenement of Margery de Wike and that of William de Keomyngtone ; also grant to the same Adam of a small house (domiculum) with a smithy in it, between the tenement of the rector of Northgate, on the east, and the highway on the west ; besides, grant to Adam of 5s. of yearly rent which Robert Wysdom and Alice, his wife, were wont to render for a messuage with a curtilage in Bradestreet which they hold of the said John le Mareschal for their lives, and which said messuage ought to revert to John after the death of Robert and Alice, shall remain to the said Adam and his heirs for ever.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : Roger Crist, Mayor ; William Sweyn ; Alexander le Dyare ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Vygnour ; Richard Boye ; William Cubbel ; Robert Wysdom ; William de Keomyngton.

Dated at Bath, 11 Nov., 11 Edw. III. (1337).

(64)

Grant by Gilbert de Bath, son and heir of John of Schirebourne, to William de Keomyngton, of Bath, and William, his son, his godson, for their lives, of two cottages with the curtilages adjacent, in Walecot street, between the tenement of the rector of St. Michael's, on the south, and the messuage which belonged to Richard the Mareschal, on the north. Rendering to the chief lords the services due and

accustomed, namely to the Bishop of Bath one penny for land gabel at Hokeday. After their decease to remain to the Mayor and Commonalty for the sustentation of the chaplains of the Commonalty aforesaid.

Witnesses: Alexander le Deyghar, Mayor; William Cubbel; Roger Crist; William Sweyn; Adam Wytesone; John de Forde; Henry Hurel; Nicholas Coppe. (1336-40).

(65)

Grant by Margaret Barefoth, relict of William Ghyvelay, of Bath, to John Cole, of a messuage with the curtilage in the street which goes towards Walecote, between the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the north, and the land of William Rous, on the south.

Witnesses: John de Wyke, Mayor; Richard le Boye; William Adeux; John Tincto; Adam Whitesone.

Dated at Bath, 4 Feb., 18 Edw. II. (1324-25).

(66)

Grant by John Cole, to Thomas Michel, and Cristina, his wife, for their lives, of a messuage, etc., next the street which goes to Walecote, between the land of the kitchen steward of the Priory of Bath, on the north, and the land of Edward le Toukere, on the south (with clause for repairs). Rendering for it yearly to John Cole two shillings.

Witnesses: Roger Cole, Mayor; John le Deghare, Provost; John de Wyke; William de Kymington; Robert Columbel.

(1325-1356).

(67)

Release by Thomas Michel, of Bath, and Cristiana, his wife, to William Cubbel, citizen, of all their right in a tenement with the curtilage in Walecot street which they had for their lives by the grant of Edward le Toukar, of Lambrigge; and which lies between the tenement of John Cole, on the north, and that which belonged to John Gyneley, on the south.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses: William Cubbel, Mayor; Thomas atte Halle, Coroner; William Swayn; Alexander le Deyghar; Nicholas Coppe; John de Forde.

Dated at Bath, Friday after the Feast of St. Martin, 20 Edw. III. (17 November, 1346).

(68)

Release by Thomas, called le Mason, son of Richard le Mason, and Agnes, his wife, to William Cubbel, citizen of Bath, of all their right in 12 pence of yearly rent from a certain tenement in Walecot street, which Thomas Michel holds, and also the reversion of the same, when it happens.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses: Alexander le Deyghar, Mayor; William Swayn; Roger Crist, John de Halle; Henry Hurel; John de Forde; John de Acton; Robert, rector of Swayneswyke; Master John, vicar of Stalls; Sir Walter, rector of St. James; Sir Henry, rector of St. Michael's outside the gate.

Dated at Bath, Feast of St. Gregory the Pope, 20 Edw. III. (12 March, 1345-46).

(69)

Release by John Rolf, of Bath, to William Cubbel, of all his right in a tenement with the curtilage in Walecot street, which the said William has of the gift from Thomas le Mason, as is more fully witnessed in a certain deed made to the same William.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : Alexander le Dyghar, Mayor ; William Swayn ; Roger Crist ; John de Halle ; Henry Hurel ; John de Forde ; John de Actone.

Dated at Bath, Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 20 Edw. III. (3 May, 1346).

(70)

Grant by John Rolf, to William Cubbel, of his tenement in Walecote street lying between the tenement of John Cole, which Thomas atte Verne holds, on the north, and that of John Gyveleygh, on the south ; which said tenement he had of the grant of John, son and heir of Edward le Toukare, of Lambrigge, and Alice, his wife.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : Alexander le Deyghar, Mayor ; William Swayn ; Roger Crist ; John de Halle ; Henry Hurel ; John de Ford ; John de Actone.

Dated at Bath, Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 20 Edw. III. (3 May, 1346).

(71)

Release by Agnes Cubbel, in her widowhood, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, of all the claim she has in three shops in Walecote street by reason of her dower ; which shops William Cubbel, her husband, bequeathed to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Dated at Bath, 1 July, 30 Edw. III. (1356).

(72)

Grant by John, son of Roger Selby, to Adam le Hert, for 19s. 6d., of a messuage, etc, outside the North gate, next the messuage of Richard Wyefar, on the south, in Walecote street, in width 27 feet, and it extends in length from the highway to the Avon. Rendering therefor yearly to the Abbey of St. Augustine, Bristol, 20 pence viz., at Michaelmas and Hokday, and to the King 2½d. at Hokeday for land gabel.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor ; William Sleh ; Walter Fale ; Richard Wyefar ; John Somitar ; Robert Gyvelay ; Henryr Apsolon ; William de Wollegh ; Richard Giffard ; William de Henlegh.

(Circa 1250).

(73)

Grant by Edith Swetyng, of Bath, daughter and heir of John Lemestre, and Margery Ondirwode, to Thomas Pochon, and Sybil, his wife, of all their land, etc., outside the Northgate, in Walecote street, between the tenement of Richard Pochon,

on the south, and the messuage John Feydyf, "muleward," dwells in, on the north, and it extends from the highway to the Avon.

Seal of Sir John Kyngeston, knight.

Witnesses : Sir John Kyngeston, kt. ; Sir Thomas Besevyle, rector of Radstoke ; John Compe ; Robert Wattys ; John Schete ; Richard Bedul ; John Natton ; John Towprest.

Dated : Bath.

(*Circa* 1300).

(74)

Release by Edwith Sweting of all right in premises (as in No. 73).

(75)

The Will of Sybil Pochon, relict of Thomas Pochon, whereby she bequeathed :—

To the fabric of the church of St. Mary de Stalls, her best towel (manutergium).

To Sir John Baret, vicar of the same church, 5s. 6d., to say masses for her soul.

To Sir John Fowler, chaplain, 6 pence, to say masses for her soul.

To Sir Robert Hendman, monk of the cathedral church of Bath, a cloth with towel.

To Sir John Towr, 6 pence, to celebrate for her soul.

To the image of St. Katherine de Stalls, her best silk robe.

To the image of the Holy Trinity of the cathedral church of Bath, a pair of jet rosaries with silver beads (unam par precariorum de get cum gaudys de argento).

To Thomas Smyth, a cupboard (unam almary).

To Elizabeth Hendy, a small silk robe, and another small robe of linen thread. (unam flamiolum de serico parvum et unum alium parvum flamiolun de lineo filo).

To Richard Wydcombe, [Mayor of Bath in 1418 and Member of Parliament in 1413, 1414, 1420, 1424, and 1428], of Bath, all her land without the Northgate in Walcot street, between the tenement of John Pochon, the younger, and the messuage in which David Ryche dwells, extending from the King's highway to the Avon.

The residue of her goods to the said Richard Wydcombe, to be disposed of at his discretion for the good of her soul.

She appointed the said Richard Wydcombe, and Thomas Smyth, her executors, and Sir John Baret, overseer.

Dated : 7 December, 1403.

Proved before Thomas Barton, clerk of Henry, Bishop of Bath and Wells, commissary general, in the chapel of the Blessed Mary by the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells, 13 Jan. in the year abovesaid. (1403-4).

(76)

Quitclaim by Thomas de Cumbethawye, to John, called le Bakare, Mayor, of all his right in a certain messuage which is situate between the land which was Richard Underwode's, on the south, and the land which Henry de Cumbe, carpenter, holds, on the north, next the street going towards Walecote.

Witnesses : John Cole ; Peter the Brevytour ; Richard Wytesone ; John le Deghare ; Richard Marshal ; William Adeu ; Robert de Hampton.

Dated at Bath, Tuesday before the Feast of St. Augustin, 10 Edw. II. (24 May, 1317).

(77)

Release by Constance de Cumbehaweie, to John, son of John Textor, and Alice, his wife, for their lives, of a messuage, etc, in the street going towards Walecot, between the land of Thomas, her son, on the north, and the land which once was Richard Underwode's, on the south. Rendering therefor yearly to the Bishop for land gabel at Hokeday 2½d. and to the Abbot of St. Augustine, Bristol, 20 pence and to her (Constance) 19 pence for her life at two terms of the year, towit, at Christmas and Hokeday; and after her death the rent of 19d. to remain to the sustentation of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath for ever (with clause for maintenance of the property).

Witnesses : William Cook, Mayor; William Scuel; Reginald Golde; John Columbel; John de Wike.

(Circa 1300.)

(78)

Release by Thomas de Cumbehaweie, son of Thomas de Cumbehaweie, to Alexander Tinctor, of all his right in a messuage, etc, next the street called Walecote street, between the tenement Robert Whitesone once held, on the south, and the tenement of Edward le Toukare, of Lambrigge, on the north; and which tenement Alexander bought from the said Thomas, his (Thomas') father.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor; Adam Whitesone; Henry Hurrel; Richard le Boye; Robert Tinctor; William de Cumeton; Walter Golde.

Dated at Bath, 10 Sept., 9 Edw. III. (1335).

(79)

Grant by John le Bot, of Inglescumbe, and Ellen, his mother, to Alexander Tinctor, of Bath, of a messuage in the street going towards Walecote, between the land of Edward le Toukare, of Lambrigge, on the north, and the land which Robert Whytesone held, on the south; which said messuage he had of the grant of the said Edward le Toukare. Rendering yearly to the said Edward 4 shillings.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor; Adam Whiteson; Henry Hurel; Richard le Boye; Henry Marshal.

Dated at Bath, 4 Oct., 7 Edw. III. (1333).

(80)

Release by Edward le Toukare, of Lambrigge, and Alice, his wife, and John, their son, to Alexander Tinctor, of all the right they had in 4 shillings' worth of yearly rent from a tenement, etc, which John le Bot, and Ellen, his wife, had for their lives; and which said tenement Alexander acquired from them; and which tenement is situate in Walecote street, between that which was Robert Whitesone's, on the south, and their tenement (Edward's and Alice's), on the north.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor; Adam Whiteson; Richard le Boye; Henry Hurel; William de Kumeton.

Dated at Bath, 5 August, 9 Edw. III. (1335).

(81)

Thomas de Cumbehawe, to Edward le Toukare, and Alice, his wife, and to John, their son, greeting in God. Whereas I have given and granted to Alexander le Teyntur (Dyer), and to his heirs, and to his assigns, for ever, the 6 pence of rent, which were wont to be paid me yearly, at two terms, that is to say, at the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, in equal parts, for a tenement with a curtilage and its appurtenances which you hold of me for the term of your lives in the suburb of the City of Bath, in the street that is called "Walecotestrete," as is fully contained in an indenture their son made between you and me, and therefore I have granted that the reversion of the aforesaid tenement, with the curtilage and its appurtenances, after the term of your lives, shall remain to the said Alexander and to his heirs, and to his assigns, for ever. I do therefore command you that, for the said rent and for all other services, you be from henceforth obedient and answering unto the said Alexander and to his heirs and assigns, as before unto me you were wont to be. In witness whereof, unto you, I send this my letter patent, written at Cumbehawe, the 4th day of the Gule of August, in the 9th year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

Witnesses :—Roger Cole, then Mayor of Bath; Adam Whitesone; Richard le Boye; Henry Hurrel; Richard le Venur, and others.

(3 August, 1335).

(82)

Grant by Thomas de Cumbehawe, to Alexander Tinctur, of Bath, of 6d. of yearly rent in equal portions at Christmas and Michaelmas, from a tenement in Walecote street, situate between that of Edward le Toukare, on the north, and that which Robert Whitesone held, on the south, and which said tenement, etc. the said Edward, Alice, his wife, and John, their son, hold of Thomas for their lives; and which said tenement after their decease ought to revert to Thomas; also grant of the reversion of the tenement to Alexander and his heirs for ever. Rendering therefor yearly to St. John's Hospital 2 shillings and 6 pence.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor; Adam Whitesone; Henry Hurel; William Sweyn; Richard le Boye; Richard le Vynsur; Henry Marshal.

Dated at Cumbehawe, 4 August, 9 Edw. III. (1335).

(83)

Indenture witnessing that although Robert de Bath, burgess of Bristol, and his heirs, are bound to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath in 10l. to be paid at the Feast of All Saints next without any further delay, nevertheless the said Mayor and Commonalty will and grant that if they can peacefully have and hold a tenement in Walecote street, which they have of the gift of the said Robert without any hindrance of the said Robert or his wife or their heirs, that then the said writing obligatory shall be held for nought.

Seal of the Commonalty and of Robert de Bath.

Dated at Bath, Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, 22 Edw. III. (18 October, 1348).

(84)

Grant by Robert Drewe, and Elizabeth, his wife, formerly wife of John Eyton, of Bath, to John Whittokesmede, Roger Stanburgh alias Haynes, and William Hokekyns, of their two cottages situate in Bath, one whereof is in Walecote street, between the rectory of St. Michael church without the Northgate, on the north, and the garden of Thomas Blonte, on the south, and it extends from the highway, on the east, to the cottage of the church of St. Michael outside the Northgate, on the west, in which Geoffrey Derant now dwells ; and the other cottage lies in the said street, between the cottage of St. Michael's church in which John Stovy dwells, on the north, and that of the Mayor and Commonalty in which Thomas Bradway lately dwelt, on the south, and it extends from the highway, on the east, to the tenement of the Mayor and Commonalty in which Hugh Goldyng now dwells, on the west.

Dated at Bath, 12 Jan., 28 Hen. VI. (1449-50).

(85)

Grant by William Honybrygge and John atte Nalre, proctors of the parish church of St. Michael by the Bath, and all the parishioners, to John Roche, and Alice, his wife, for their lives, of a tenement with a garden in Walecote street, between the tenement which Alice, formerly wife of David Ryche, holds, on the north, and the tenement which Roger Coldewell holds, on the south. Rendering therefor yearly to the proctors 7s. 1½d., and to the Abbot of St. Augustine, Bristol, 20 pence yearly at Michaelmas, and to the Bishop 2½d. for land gabel (with clause of forfeiture if the rent be in arrear one month, etc).

Witnesses : Ralph Hunt, then Mayor ; Robert Carter ; Walter Ryche ; Robert Drewe ; Richard Honybrygge, and others.

Dated at Bath, Monday next before the Feast of All Saints, 10 Hen. IV. (29 October, 1408).

(86)

Lease by Robert Rogers, Mayor, and the whole Commonalty of the City of Bath, to John Slogye, citizen of the same city, Katherine, his wife, and Edith, their daughter, for their lives and the life of the survivor, of a tenement in Walekote street, which John de Hampton lately inhabited, with a garden there adjacent ; which tenement is situated between a tenement of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, on the south, and the tenement which John Wydcombe holds of the proctors of St. Michael extra muros, on the north.

Witnesses : Robert Rogers, then Mayor of the City of Bath ; William Stanburgh, Andrew Bedford, Aldermen of the said city ; Robert Chepman and John Jeffreys, Proctors of the Commonalty there, and many others.

Dated : 12 May, 15 Edw. IV. (1475).

(87)

Grant by John atte Fornfelde, with the assent of Gricia, his wife, for 20s., to Ralph Tincter of Bath, of a messuage with a curtilage in Bath, which is situate in Bynnebury, between the land of the Abbot and Convent of Keynesham, on the

south, and the land of the brethren and sisters of the hospital of St. John of Bath, on the north. Rendering every year to the Abbot of Keynesham 8 pence of silver, and to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath four pence.

Witnesses : Richard Wyteson, Mayor ; John Cole ; Peter le Brevytour ; William Adeu ; John Tinctore ; John de Southstoke ; William Nyuman.

Dated at Bath, 10 June, 10 Edw. II. (1317).

(88)

Grant by Ralph le Deyere, of Bath, to the Mayor and Commonalty, of a messuage, etc, which he had of the feoffment of John Trypsaut, situate by the lane which goes from the corner called Stokhous to the chapel of All Saints in Bymmebury, and which is between the land of the Abbot of Keynesham, on the south, and the land of the hospital of St. John of Bath, on the north, and also between the said lane, on the west, and the tenement of Alexander le Deyere, on the east. Rendering therefor yearly to the Convent of Keynesham 8 pence.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; Alexander le Deyere ; Adam Whytesone ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Boy ; William Swayn ; Edmund Loryng.

Dated at Bath, 12 August, 9 Edw. III. (1335).

(89)

Grant by Robert le Eir, of Bath, to Edmund Lorynge, of a messuage with a curtilage, etc, in Bynnebury, in the City of Bath, situate between the tenement of the rector of St. James, on the north, and " la Rekkstret," on the south.

Witnesses : Henry Hurel ; Alexander Deighere ; William Swayn, Mayor ; Richard le Vynor ; Henry Marchal.

Dated at Bath, Sunday next after the Epiphany, 6 Edw. III. (10 January, 1332-33).

(90)

Grant by Edmund Loryng, to Sir Robert de Prisshtone, chaplain, and William de Pykesleye, clerk, and Alice, wife of the said William, of a burgage, 5 cottages and a messuage adjacent, in Bynnebury, situate between the rectory of St. James and the street called " la Rekkestret," which he had of the feoffment of Robert le Heyr.

Witnesses : Thomas Stote, Mayor ; William Cubbel ; Walter Carpenter ; John Tope ; Richard Hurel.

Dated at Bath, Friday before the Feast of St. Margaret, 25 Edw. III. (15 July, 1351).

(91)

Counterpart of No. 90.

(92)

Release by John Giene, to Sir Robert de Pryshton, chaplain, of all his right in 5 cottages and one curtilage adjacent, in Bynnebury, between the rectory of St. James and " la Rekkestrete " of which he was enfeoffed by Edmund Loryng.

Seal of the dean of Bath.

Witnesses : Walter le Carpenter, Mayor ; William Kubbul ; Thomas Stote ; Harrius Jolyf ; John Tope ; Thomas Saundres ; Richard Hurel.

(1352-53).

(93)

Release by Robert Neuman, of Prishtun, chaplain, to Alice de Pykeslegh, of all his right in a burgage with 5 cottages and with a curtilage adjacent, in Bynnebury, between the rectory of St. James and the street called "la Rekkestrete," in Bath, which he had of the feoffment of Edmund Loryng.

Witnesses : John Grigory, Mayor ; Robert Dier ; John Tope ; John Rok ; John Castel.

Dated at Bath, Sunday the Feast of St. Mathias the Apostle, 33 Edw. III. (25 February, 1358-59).

(94)

Grant by Alice, widow of William Pikesleye, in her pure widowhood, to William le Vygnur, parson of the church of Dunkerton, and to Sir John de Beminstre, parson of the church of St. James in the city of Bath, of a burgage, 5 cottages and a curtilage adjacent, in Bynnebury, which are situate between the rectory of St. James and the street called "la Rekkestrete," which she had of the feoffment of Edmund Loryng, in the city of Bath.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : Robert le Deighere, Mayor ; John Gregori ; Walter Carpenter ; Thomas Stote ; Thomas le Bedel ; John Rok, and others.

Dated at Bath, Friday next after the Feast of St. Michael, 25 Edw. III. (30 September, 1351).

(95)

Grant by William le Vignur, of Dunkerton, and John de Bemystre, parson of the church of St. James in Bath, to John de Berewyk, and Alice, his wife, of one burgage, 5 cottages and a curtilage adjacent, in Bynnebury, between the rectory of St. James and "la Rekkestrete," which they had of the feoffment of the said Alice, formerly wife of William de Pikesle, and which tenements she had of the feoffment of Edmund Loryng.

Witnesses : Robert le Deghere, Mayor ; John Gregori ; Thomas Bedel ; Thomas le Baker.

Dated at Bath, 10 Nov., 33 Edw. III. (1359).

(96)

Grant by Alice, formerly the wife of John Berewyke, to John Cumpe, of all that burgage, with 5 cottages, etc, in Bynnebury, between the rectory of St. James and the street called "Le Rekkestret," and which said tenements she had of the feoffment of Edmund Loryng.

Witnesses : John Natton, Mayor ; Robert Wattes ; John Grygori ; Thomas Swayn ; William Coger.

Dated at Bath, Monday before the Feast of St. Leonard, 3 Richard II. (31 October, 1379).

(97)

Missing.

(98)

Release by John Schete, of Bath, to John Cumpe, of Bath, of all his right in a burgage, with 5 cottages and one garden, etc, between the rectory of St. James and Rekkestrete.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses: John Natton, Mayor; John Grygory; Robert Wattes; Thomas Swayn; William Coger.

Dated at Bath, Wednesday next after the Feast of St. Mark, 3 Richard II. (28 April, 1380).

(99)

Grant by John Hendeman, otherwise called Bathe, burgess of Bristol, and Alice, his wife, to Cristina Compe, formerly wife of John Compe, citizen of Bath, of two burgages in Bath, of which one is situate with 5 cottages, etc, in Bynbury, between the rectory of St. James and the street called Rekkestret; and the other tenement, which was formerly John Milverton's, situate opposite the Cross bath, between St. Michael's Lane, on the west, and the tenement of the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the east; which said burgage he had of the feoffment of John Compe, formerly her husband.

Seal of the Mayor of Bath.

Witnesses: Robert Waspray, Mayor; Sewale Fraunces; Richard Thorne; Richard Towkar; John Hayward; Richard Clyware.

Dated at Bath, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary Virgin, 17 Ric. II. (8 September, 1393).

(100)

Grant by Cristina Compe, formerly wife of John Compe, citizen of Bath, to John Bertlot, of Bradeford, for ever, of a burgage, 5 cottages and one curtilage adjacent, in Bynnebury, situated between the rectory of St. James and the street called the Rekkestrete, which she had of the feoffment of John Bath, called Hendyman, burgess of Bristol, and Alice, his wife.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses: Roger Testwode, Mayor; John Savage; Robert Waspray; Thomas Rymour; Ralph Hunt.

Dated at Bath, Monday before the Feast of the Epiphany, 4 Hen. IV. (1 January, 1402-3).

(101)

Release by William Bertlot, citizen of Bath, and Alice, his wife, to John Bertlot, of Bradeford, of all their right in that burgage, with 5 cottages and a curtilage adjacent, in Bynbury, situated between the rectory of St. James and the street called Rekkestrete.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses: Roger Testwode, Mayor; Robert Waspray; John Savage; John Marceys; John Whittokesmede.

Dated at Bath, Tuesday next after Epiphany, 6 Jan., 8 Henry IV. (11 January, 1406-7).

(102)

Grant by John Pay, of Bradford, co. Wilts, and Margaret, his wife, to William Phelyppes, citizen of Bath, for ever, of a burgage, with 5 cottages and a curtilage adjacent, in Bynbury, within the City of Bath, between the rectory of St. James and the street called Rekkestrete.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : William Hogekeyn, Mayor ; Walter Ryche ; John Westhope ; John Bygge ; John Hareford ; William Whytchyrche ; Thomas Bolton.

Dated at Bath, Vigil of St. John the Baptist, 13 Henry VI. (23 June, 1435).

(103)

Release by John Pay, and Margaret, his wife, to John Bartelet, of the premises (as in No. 102).

Witnesses (as in No. 102).

Dated at Bath on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 13 Henry VI. (24 June, 1435).

(104)

John Shypwarde, burgess and merchant of the town of Bristol, and Roger Haynys, citizen of the City of Bath, executors of the will of the late William Phylpys, citizen and clothier of the said city, greeting in Him by whom all the chains of sinners are dissolved.

Whereas, long ago, William Phylpys, in his life, gave to us, John Shypwarde and Roger Haynys, three tenements with a certain barn and chamber, together with four almshouses in Bynbury lane, in the said city, and newly built by the said William, to have and to hold to us, our heirs and assigns, for ever. And we piously reviewing the sincere and devout intention of the worthy deceased, who, acting in human things, by the inspiration of our Saviour, afforded a praiseworthy care to change mutable into heavenly things, knowing that he was about to render an account of his stewardship at the tribunal of our Lord Jesus Christ, he happily arranged that the three tenements, the barn, with the aforesaid chamber, and the rent annually arising from the same, should be expended for a perpetual memorial of the fact, to be reduced to writing and irrevocably observed for the future, for the salvation of the soul of the said William deceased, and of Agnes, his wife, of his benefactors and of all the faithful departed.

We, therefore, order and will that the Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid city, and the successive mayors and commonalties of the said city, have, hold and enjoy for themselves and their successors, for ever, the said three tenements, barn and chamber, and have, collect and receive the annual rents arising and coming from them, concerning which rent we will that the said Mayor and Commonalty and their successors for the time being, should receive 5 shillings and 1 penny sterling at the obit of the said William, and Agnes, his wife, to be solemnly conducted in the following form :—

First, that the Mayor and Commonalty and their successors for the time being, expend the said 5 shillings and 1 penny on an obit to be solemnly held with devotion

for the soul of the said William and Agnes, his consort, when they have departed this life, in the chapel of St. Katherine the Virgin, on the aforesaid Tuesday in Easter week, namely to the five curates of the parish churches, together with the two chaplains of the Commonalty of the aforesaid city, who should be present at the funeral service and mass, two pence each.

Also to the Mayor of the said city for the time being, for being personally present at the mass and funeral service, and superintending the faithful, and without fraud carrying out of each article of the present regulation, 12 pence ; but if he be absent, to receive nothing.

Also for two wax candles to be burnt at the funeral service and mass, for the general use of the said chapel, two pence.

Also to the clerk of the church of St. Mary de Stalls for lighting the candles, and for tolling the knell, one penny.

To the other four parish clerks for tolling the knell, each of them a halfpenny.

To the Bedeman on the day of the obit, for publishing it throughout the city, one penny.

Also for bread, baked in the oven, and cheese to be brought for the refreshment of the priests and clerks present at the service, 4 pence.

Also for a farthing loaf of bread to be distributed at the Guyhall to each of one hundred poor people.

Also to the same poor people on the same day, a peck of beans for making into pottage.

Also that the two chaplains of the city should specially pray at both masses for the souls of the said deceased William and Agnes. Moreover, we desire that the said Mayor and Commonalty and their successors for the time being, should provide and cause to be provided and arranged in the four almshouses, situated in the above named street, that eight poor people, namely the Bedeman and his wife, with six other very poor persons, should pray especially for the souls and sound and serviceable condition of the Mayor of Bath for the time being, and of all the co-brethren and sisters in the chapel of the said foundation. And if the Mayor for the time being, and the Commonalty and their successors, fail in any particular point to carry out the said regulation, which we trust may not be the case, or if they neglect and do not superintend as directed, then the Mayor and Commonalty shall permit and the wardens of the church of St. Michael outside the Northgate and their successors, shall enter and take possession of the two tenements, with their belongings, one in Northgate street, opposite the High Cross, as one goes to Guyhall, which John Gybbys holds of the Mayor and Commonalty, between the house of the bailiff, in which Richard Clerk dwells, on the south, and the house of the Prior of Bath, in which John Owen dwells, on the north : And the other tenement which is in Bradestreet, which Agnes, widow of the deceased, now inhabits, between the tenement of Thomas Blount, in which William Tornour dwells, on the south, and the tenement of the church of St. Mary de Stalls, which Robert Walley inhabits, on the north. Moreover we desire that it shall be allowed to the wardens of the church of St. Michael aforesaid to take possession of the three tenements, barn and chamber, with the four almshouses, and turn out the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, and their tenants, without dispute, and that the wardens of St. Michael's should see that the service is performed in the manner prescribed.

And the residue of the rents from the three tenements, barn and chamber, as well as from the two tenements, should be spent by the Mayor and Commonalty as ordered by William Phylpys in his life, and as soon as it happens that they fail to carry out the directions, it should pass to the wardens of St. Michael.

And that the said Mayor and Commonalty or the said wardens should maintain the dwelling, barn and chamber, together with the four almshouses in good order.

In witness whereof we have affixed our seals to both indentures; and because we desire that the present letters should be preserved in two different places for the perpetual preservation of the aforesaid house, we wish one part should remain in the custody of the Mayor and Commonalty, with the other muniments of the city, and we have arranged that the seals of the proctors in order to be preserved, should be affixed.

And because the seals of the said proctors are unknown to many, the seal of the Master of Saint John's Hospital is attached at the particular request of the proctors.

The other part we wish to remain in the custody of the proctors of the church of St. Michael outside the Northgate, among the documents of the church, and we have procured the common seal of the city to be attached to it.

Dated at Bath, Saturday the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, 22 Henry VI.
(1 August, 1444).

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Grant by Letitia, daughter of Henry de Cotherynton, to Henry Fisher and William, his brother, sons of John Truan, of land outside the Northgate (Bundle V, No. 1).

BUNDLE No. 5.

Containing ancient Deeds from the earliest time down to Henry VIII. of premises in Broad Street, St. Michael's Lane, Plumtre Lane, Plomtoneswychene near Alci Bath, Frogmere Lane and Paynistwchene, in Bath, from and to divers persons some of which are to the Corporation.

(1)

Grant by Leticia, daughter of Henry de Cotherynton, for 15 marks, to Henry Fisher (Piscator), and William, his brother, sons of John Truan, of all her land outside the Northgate, on the west side of Brade street, between the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath and the land of the hospital of St. John, which Nicholas Chinere! held (with power to sell the same). Rendering yearly to Leticia a rose at Midsummer ; saving to the Bishop 5d. at Hockeday for land gabel.

Common Seal of the Guild of Bath.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Robert Cook (Cocus) ; John de Scyreburne, Provost ; William Seley ; John Cook ; Richard de Henley, and others.

(1286).

(2)

Covenant made on Monday the octaves of St. Michael, 1280, between Cristiana, daughter of Henry de Henton, of the one part, and Henry Fisher (Piscator), and William, his brother, of the other part. The said Cristiana, by the will of her husband Geoffrey, granted to the said Henry Fisher, and William, his brother, one messuage in Brade street, outside the Northgate, situate between the land of Nicholas Chinere!, on the south, and between the land of Agnes de Cyrsetre, on the north, to hold for six years for 8s. 6d. ; and if Cristiana or Geoffrey wish to sell the said messuage within the said term, Henry and William can buy it.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everad ; Walter Tincter ; John de Scyrbourne, Provost ; Robert of Worcester (Wigornie) ; Richard de Henleye ; John Marshal (Marescallo).

(1286).

(3)

Counterpart of No. 2.

(4)

Quitclaim by William, son of John Truan, to Henry, his brother, of all his right in a tenement on the west side of Brade street, outside the Northgate, and between the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath and the land of the hospital of St. John, which Nicholas de Chinerel held.

Witnesses: Gilbert Cissor, Mayor; Richard Everard; Robert Cook (Coqus); John de Schyreburne; Geoffrey the clerk (clerico), Provost.

(1286).

(5)

Quitclaim by William, son of John Truan, for twenty shillings in silver, to Amice, daughter of William Hup, of Hampton, of all the right he has in a tenement on the west side of Brade street, between the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath and the land belonging to St. John's Hospital, which Nicholas de Chinerel once held.

Witnesses: William Cook, Mayor; Henry Batyn, Provost; Thomas Sweyn; William Scuel; Nicholas le Lavender; Ralph Taverner; Adam Knyfet.

Dated at Bath, Wednesday the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen, 27 Edw. I. (22 July, 1299).

(6)

Grant by Isabella, daughter of William Hup, of Hampton, for one hundred shillings, to Amice, her sister, of that messuage, with the curtilage, which belonged to Henry Truan, her husband, outside the Northgate, and on the west side of Brade street, between the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath and the land of St. John's Hospital, which Nicholas Chinerel formerly held in the same street.

Seal of the Commonalty of Bath.

Witnesses: William Suel, Mayor; Henry Batin, Provost; John de Schyrebourne; Adam Knivet de la Pipe; William Cook; John Cissor; Geoffrey the clerk; John Finch; Alexander de Leye.

(1295).

(7)

Grant by Walter Marshal, of Bradeford, with the consent of Agnes, his wife, for one mark, to Richard le Fikeys, of Bath, "tabernarius," of his land in Brade street which is between the land formerly belonging to William Mansel, on the north, and the land of William Wolf, on the south. Rendering therefor yearly $\frac{1}{2}$ d. at Hokeday to the Bishop for land tax, and nine pence on the Feast of St. Thomas to the chief lord.

Witnesses: Richard Everard, Mayor; Gilbert Cissor; Robert Coqus; John Milis; Thomas Sceweyn; John Brewer (Braciator); Roger Aleyne.

(1280-90).

(8)

Grant by Edward Weaver (Textor), of Bath, with the consent of Edith, his wife, for 19 shillings of silver, to himself, and 12 pence to Edith, to Henry de Kudrington, of all the part of his land in Brade street, between the land which Robert de Norstoke bought of him and between the land of William Mansteil. Rendering

yearly to Edward and his heirs at Easter a pair of white gloves or one halfpenny of silver, and to the chief lord of the ground at the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle 4½d. and to the King at Hokeday one halfpenny.

Witnesses : Henry le Taillor ; Ralph le Archer ; Robert Buch ; William de Clafferton ; William Smith ; William de Kudrincton ; Walter Falc ; John de Wike ; John Kok.

(Circa 1290).

(9)

Grant by Adam Richer, rector of the church of St. Michael outside the Northgate, for the salvation of his soul and the souls of his father and mother, to William Cook, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, for ever, of a yearly rent of 12 pence, for the tenement which belonged to John Rolf in Brade street.

Witnesses : William Scuel ; John de Scyrburn ; Henry Batyn ; Peter le Brevitor ; Adam de la Pype ; Benedict de Stoke ; William Adeu.

(Circa 1295).

(10)

Quitclaim by Felicia, relict of John Rolfes, of Bath, to John le Plummer, of all the right she had in the name of dower in a messuage, etc., in Brade street, between the land of the aforesaid John, on the north, and the land of Sir William de Bath, on the south.

Witnesses : John Baker (Pistor), Mayor ; John Cole ; Richard Wytesone ; John de Southstoke ; John de Wyke.

Dated at Bath, 3 of September, 12 Edw. II. (1318).

(11)

Grant by Juliana, relict of John Jolyf, called le Plomer, of Bath, to John Batyn, of Bath, of a rent of 7s. which she received from Adam Dodyng, and Juliana, his wife, for a tenement, etc, which they hold of her for their lives, which is situate in Brade street, between the tenement of John Rolves, the elder, on the north, and the tenement belonging to the Commonalty which Thomas Sulye holds, on the south ; and grant that the said tenement after their death ought to revert to her for ever by reason of the legacy of the said John, late her husband, shall remain to the said John Batyn and his heirs. To hold the said rent of 7s. together with the reversion of the said tenement to the said John Batyn and his heirs. Rendering therefor yearly to the Proctors of the Commonalty of Bath 12d.

Witnesses : Roger Crist, Mayor ; Adam Whytesone ; William Swayn ; Henry Hurel ; Richard de Vygnour ; William Cubbul ; Peter de Lewes.

Dated at Bath, 28 of December, 14 Edw. III. (1340).

(12)

Grant by John Batyn, of Bath, to Henry Hurel, of Bath, of 7s. of annual rent which he had of the feoffment of Juliana, relict of John Jolyf (as in No. 11).

Witnesses : Alexander le Deyare, Mayor ; Adam Whyteson ; William Swayn ; Roger Crist ; Richard le Vygnour ; William of Keomyngton ; Walter Golde.

Dated at Bath, 7 June, 14 Edw. III. (1340).

(13)

Grant by William Kymyngton, son and heir of William de Kymyngton, of Bath, to Richard Pochon, of Bath, and Isabella, his wife, for their lives, of an annual rent of 6s. to be taken from a messuage, etc., which John Chersman holds of him in Brade street, between William's tenement, on the south, and the tenement of John Fynch, on the north, with the reversion of the same messuage after the death of John Chersman. Rendering annually to the chief lords one penny farthing; and after the decease of the said Richard and Isabella the said rent and reversion to remain to John, son of Richard and Isabella, for his life, at the yearly rent of 1½d.

Witnesses: John de Whyttokysmede, Mayor; John Gregori; Walter Capenter; Robert Dyar; Thomas Carvyle; William Goldsmith (Aurifaber); Henry Jolyf.

Dated at Bath, 5 of April, 38 Edw. III. (1364).

(14)

Grant by Agnes Shete, relict of John Shete, and John Gregory, late citizens of Bath, to Richard Wydecumbe, citizen, of her tenement in Brade street, situate between the tenement which John Northefolk, and Isabella, his wife, hold of the heirs of Thomas Berley, on the north, and the tenement belonging to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, which John Savage, the younger, holds, on the south.

Seal of the Mayor, Walter Ryche.

Witnesses: Ralph Hunt; John Savage, the elder; Robert Drewe; John Roche; William Radestoke.

Dated at Bath, Tuesday after the Feast of St. Alphage the Archbishop, 5 Henry V. (20 April, 1417).

(15)

Grant by Richard Wydecombe, citizen, to Walter Ryche, citizen, of all his tenement in Brade street, between the tenement which John Northfolke and Isabella hold, on the north, and the tenement of the Mayor and Commonalty which John Savage, the younger, holds, on the south.

Seal of the office of the said Richard Wydecombe, then Mayor of Bath.

Witnesses: William Phelyppes; John Savage; John Northfolke; William Eynesham; Robert Drewe; William Whytchyrche, Bailiff; Thomas Bolton.

Dated at Bath, Feast of Easter, 7 Hen. VI. (27 March, 1429).

(16)

Lease by John Gregori, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Natton and Agnes, his first wife, and after their deaths to Isabella, their daughter, for her life, of a messuage and a plot adjacent, lately vacant, now built (upon), and a curtilage which William Cubbel once held, which are on the west side of Brade street, between the messuage which formerly belonged to John Rolf, on the north, and Henry de Ford's tenement, which John Lucy holds, on the south. Rendering yearly to the Cofferers of the City 2 shillings of silver, and to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty 4 shillings, and to the heirs of Tatewyke 4 shillings at four terms of

the year, and to the Lord Bishop of Bath for land gabel at Hokeday 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. John, Agnes and Isabella covenant to maintain the messuage in good repair.

Witnesses : Henry de Forde ; John Whyttokesmede ; Robert Wattes ; Walter Carpenter ; John Mulverton.

Dated at Bath, 29 Jan., 46 Edw. III. (1371-72).

(17)

Grant by John Waspray, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Dreyton, and Margery, his wife, and to Joan, their daughter, for their lives in survivorship, of a tiled house called " Stonehous," with the curtilage, in Brade street, which William Megge lately held, situate between the house of John Wysdome, on the north, and a plot which Alice Rous holds of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the south. Rendering yearly to the city cofferers 7 shillings (with clause for repair, etc.), John, Margery and Joan shall build anew a suitable house within the tenement aforesaid.

Witnesses : Robert Waspray, Mayor ; Robert Draper ; William Gye ; John Mares ; Roger Testewod.

Dated at Bath, Wednesday next after Holy Trinity, 18 Ric. II. (9 June, 1395).

(18)

Indenture by which William Drayton, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, grant to John Honybrygge, citizen, and Margery, his wife, for their lives, a cottage in Brade street, between Froglane, on the north, and which extends to the tenement which William Walley holds of the proctors of St. Michael without the Northgate, on the south ; and in width it abuts upon Brade street, in front, on the east, and below, on the west, on the same tenement. Rendering yearly 2s. of lawful money of England. And the said John and Margery shall build the said cottage anew with timber within one year at their own expenses (with clause of forfeiture for non-payment or neglect).

Witnesses : William Drayton, Mayor ; William Hoge kyns ; Roger Stanborowe ; Thomas Abell ; John Ster ; John Whytyng, the younger ; John Herford, Citizens.

Dated at Bath on Monday next before the Feast of Corpus Christi, 30 Hen. VI. (1 June, 1452).

(19)

Grant by William Drayton, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Weere, citizen, " wever," and to Joan, his wife, and Joan, his daughter, for their lives in survivorship, of their tenement with the garden adjacent, in Brade street, which Hugh Goldynge lately inhabited, between their tenement which Roger Goldynge formerly held and John Batyn now (holds), on the north, and the tenement of Thomas Blount, esquire, which William Yonge lately inhabited, on the south, and which extends from the high road, in front, to the bounds and limits behind as they are limited from olden time. Rendering yearly 13s. 4d. at four terms of the year (with clause for forfeiture for non payment or neglect of property).

Witnesses : William Drayton, Mayor ; William Whytechurch and Peter Kente, Constables ; Richard Cockesale and Andrew Bideford, Proctors.

(Circa 1310).

(20)

Indenture made between William Tyler, Mayor, and the Commonalty, of the one part, and William Haynes, citizen, Edith, his wife, and Joan, their daughter, of the other part, by which the aforesaid Mayor, etc., grant to the said William Haynes, Edith and Joan, for their lives, one cottage with the garden adjacent, lying in Brade street, between the cottage of the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the Northgate, on the north, and a vacant plot belonging to the heirs of Muneford, on the south. Rendering yearly 3s. (with clause for forfeiture in event of non-payment, neglect or sale without permission).

Witnesses : Robert Rogeris ; Robert Batyn ; Thomas Chaunceler ; Aldermen ; Slugg' Blis ; Roger Richardes ; Roger Hurste ; Nicholas Archer.

Dated at Bath, Feast of Pentecost, 3 Henry VII. (25 May, 1488).

(21)

Grant by Anthony Screpe, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Edward Ludwell, citizen, " clothemaker," of their tenement and garden adjacent, in Brade street, between the tenement of the Lord the King on the one side, and the tenement of the Mayor, etc., on the other side ; and also of a close, called Racke Close, adjacent, and one acre of arable land called le Towne acre in the common field. To hold from the Annunciation for 40 years, at an annual rent of 26s. 8d.

Dated : 14 Jan, 35 Hen. VIII. (1543-44).

(22)

Lease by John Chapman, Mayor, John Byrde, Geoffrey Frankecom, Henry Cavell, John Sachefyld and John Clement, Aldermen, and the rest of the Commonalty, to John Walley, the elder, Denisia, his wife, John, their son, and Joan, his wife, for their lives, of a tenement with a garden in the parish of St. Michael outside the gate, between the land and tenement of—Button, esquire, and the land and tenement of the Mayor and Commonalty. Rendering yearly 10s. at four terms. The said John Chapman, etc., appoint Richard Perman and Richard Branboroughe, their attorneys, to deliver possession.

Dated at Bath, 5 May, 34 Hen. VIII. (1542).

(23)

Grant by John Cumpe, of Bath, to John Mulverton, of the same City, of his tenement opposite the Cross bath, between St. Michael's lane, on the west, and the house of the Master of St. John's, on the east, for his life, if he likes to hold it for so long. Rendering yearly 10s.

Witnesses : John Natton, Mayor ; John Gregory ; Robert Wattes ; Thomas Swayne ; Robert Brente.

Dated at Bath, Monday in Whitsun Week, 3 Ric. II. (14 May, 1380).

(24)

Release by John Mulverton, of Bath, to John Gregori, of Bath, of all his right in the messuage, etc., which he acquired from Walter atte Cnolle, and which is opposite

the Cross bath, between St. Michael's lane, on the west, and the messuage of the Master of St. John's, on the east.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Natton, Mayor ; Robert Wattes ; Thomas Swayn ; Richard Forde ; Richard Bedel.

Dated at Bath, Sunday the Feast of St. Denis, 3 Ric. II. (9 October, 1379).

(25)

Grant by John Mulverton, of bath, to John Gregory, citizen, of his messuage, opposite the Cross bath, between the lane which leads to the church of St. Michael, on the west side, and the messuage of the Master of St. John of Bath, on the east.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Natton, Mayor ; Robert Wattes ; Richard Budel ; Thomas Swayn ; Richard Forde.

Dated at Bath, Monday next after the Feast of St. Michael, 3 Ric. II. (3 October, 1379).

(26)

Grant by John Gregory, citizen, to John Cumpe, citizen, of the tenement which he had of the feoffment of John Mulverton in Bath, and which is opposite the Cross bath, between Saint Michael's lane, on the west, and the tenement of the Master of St. John of Bath, on the east.

Seal of the Mayor.

Witnesses : John Natton, Mayor ; Robert Wattes ; Thomas Swayne ; Robert Brente ; Richard Budel.

Dated at Bath, Tuesday the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James, 3 Ric. II. (1 May, 1380).

(27)

Release by Christina Compe, widow of John Compe, of Bath, to John Haynes, citizen, of the tenement (as in No. 26).

Witnesses : Ralph Hunt, Mayor ; Richard Forster, Bailiff ; John Savage, the elder ; Richard Wydecombe ; William Radestoke.

Dated at Bath, Saturday next before the Feast of the Purification, 9 Hen. V. (31 January, 1421-22).

(28)

Grant by Alicia Bertlot, relict of William Bertlot, late citizen, daughter and heir of John Compe, formerly citizen, to John Haynes, citizen, of a tenement with buildings, etc., by the Cross bath, between St. Michael's lane, on the west, and the tenement of the Master and brethren of the hospital of St. John, which John James holds, on the east. To have and to hold to the said John Haynes, his heirs and assigns, freely, etc., of the chief lords of that fee, etc.

Witnesses : Ralph Hunt, Mayor ; Richard Forster, Bailiff ; Richard Wydecombe ; William Radestoke ; Robert Langworthy ; Roger Stanborgh, Citizens.

Dated at Bath, Thursday next before the Feast of the Purification, 9 Hen. V. (22 January, 1421-22).

(29)

Release by Alice Bertlot, daughter and heir of John Compe, of Bath, to John Haynes, of all her right and claim in the tenement (as in No. 28).

Witnesses : Ralph Hunt, Mayor ; Richard Wydecombe ; William Radestoke ; Richard Langworth ; William Fyfhide ; John Herford.

Dated at Bath, Friday before the Feast of the Purification, 9 Hen. V. (23 January, 1421-22).

(30)

Grant by John Tynt, and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of William Haynes, to John Geffres, alias John Cokkes, of Bath, mercer, his heirs and assigns, of their tenement, etc., between a tenement of the Master and brethren of St. John's Hospital, on the east, and the lane which goes towards the church of St. Michael near the Cross bath, on the west, and the tenement of the Prior of Bath, on the north, and the aforesaid bath, on the south. Also they appoint Edmund Smyth their attorney to deliver possession of the same to the said John Geffres.

Witnesses : Thomas Jubbes ; John Hutton ; William Tyler.

Dated : 20 Dec., 1 Hen. VIII. (1509).

(31)

Release by John Tynt, and Joan, his wife, to John Greffres, alias John Cokkes, of their tenement (as in No. 30).

(No witnesses).

Dated : 21 Dec., 1 Hen. VIII. (1509).

(32)

Bond by John Tynt, of Wraxhale, co. Somerset, " Frankelyn," in £20 to John Geffres, alias John Cokkes, mercer, to be paid at the Feast of the Purification next.

Dated : 20 Dec., 1 Hen. VIII. (1509).

The condicion of thys obligacion is suche that if the above wretten John Geffres, his heyres and assigns peaseably doo occupy and enjoye a tenement with the appertenance lying within the cite of Bathe in the counte of Somerset betwyxt the tenement of the Master and brethern of the hospitall of Seynt John Baptyst in the cite forseyd of the ests parte and a lane by the whiche pepyll goth to the church of Seynt Myghell by the cross bathe of the seid cite of the west partie and the tenement of the Priour of Bathe of the northe partie and the forscid bathe of the south partie withoute vexacion or troble of the seid John Tynt and hys wyff and theyre heyres and the heires of any of them or of any other person by their commandement, procuryng, or steryng of any of them or of the heires of any of them, that then the seyde obligation be void and of non effecte or els to stond in his full strenght and vertue.

(33)

Grant by John, called le Bakare, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to Henry Peny, and Agnes, his wife, and Henry, their eldest son, for their lives, of their tenement, etc., in the lane towards the Cross bath, between the land of the Prior and Convent

of Bath, on the west, and the land of John de Forde, on the east. Rendering yearly to the cofferers 4s., and to the lord of Cherlecumbe half a pound of pepper at Michaelmas.

Witnesses : John Cole ; Peter le Brevytor ; Richard Wytesone ; William Adeu ; Robert de Hampton ; Richard Marescall.

Dated at Bath, Monday the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, 10 Edw. II. (25 April, 1317).

(34)

Grant by Walter le Carpenter, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John de Mulvertone, Alice, his wife, and John, their son, for their lives in survivorship, of a messuage with a curtilage in the corner of the lane leading to the Cross bath, between a plot of John de Forde, on the east, and a messuage of the Prior and Convent, on the west. Rendering yearly 3s. of silver. The said John, Alice and John shall build the said messuage anew within two years (with clause of resumption by the grantors if the grantees do not rebuild and maintain the said messuage).

Witnesses : William Cubbel ; Thomas Stote ; Robert le Deyghar ; John Gregori ; Thomas le Mason ; Henry Jolif ; John Tope ; Adam le Barbour ; Thomas le Sckynnar.

Dated at Bath on the Feast of St. Barnabas, 28 Edw. III. (11 June, 1354).

(35)

Grant by William Golde, of Bath, to Nicholas de Alfestone, clerk, for 2½ marks of silver, of a messuage situate by the street which goes to the bath of the Holy Cross, between the land of Robert Blaket, on the east, and the tenement which formerly belonged to John Ory, on the west. Rendering yearly to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath 2s. at four terms of the year, and to the lord of Cherlecumbe half a pound of pepper at Michaelmas.

Witnesses : Richard Tabernarius, Mayor ; John de Cumbe, tailor, Provost ; Gilbert Cissor ; Reginald Golde ; Henry Scyle ; John de Scyrborne ; Robert Blaket. (1280-95).

(36)

Gift by John Budde, of Bath, to Richard Bussard, and Ysabella, his wife, of a messuage with a curtilage, which he holds of the barony of Sir the lord of Cherlecumbe, situate in the lane towards the bath, on the south side of the lane, in the corner between the land formerly Gilbert Black's (Nigri), on the east, between the land of John Ori, on the west. Rendering half a pound of pepper to the lord of Cherlecumbe at Michaelmas ; and appointment of Gilbert Cissor and Godfrey Hoseas his executors.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor ; John Miles ; Henry Burgess (Burgens) ; Batim Fussel ; John de Bradeford ; Nicholas Pistor.

(Circa 1280).

(37)

Quitclaim by Isabella Bossard, with the consent of Geoffrey, her husband, for the salvation of her own soul and the souls of Richard and Geoffrey, her husbands, etc., and for the sustentation of the mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Commonalty of Bath, of one messuage with a curtilage which is in the lane towards the

Cross bath, between the land where Robert Blaket dwelt, and between the land which was John Ori's by (rent of) $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of pepper at Michaelmas to the lord of Cherlecumbe. For this gift the proctors of the aforesaid mass gave her 6 shillings sterling.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Robert Cook ; Roger Aleyn ; John Milis.

(*Circa* 1280).

(38)

Grant by John de Weston, son of Clarice, to Walter Croc, of a messuage with a curtilage, etc., in Bath, of the barony of the lord of Cheorlecumbe, which lies in the lane towards the bath, in the corner between the land which once was Gilbert Black's (Nigri), and between the land of John Ori. To hold by half a pound of pepper to be rendered yearly at Michaelmas to the lord of Cheorlecumbe as freely, etc., as in the charter of William Fresel, John's brother, which he made to the same William Croc, and his heirs, witnesseth.

Witnesses : John Coc ; Roger Budd ; William de Clafferton ; Jordan de Henley ; Robert Buch ; Roger Buch ; Gilbert Clerk.

(*Circa* 1300).

(39)

Quitclaim by Richard Bodde, to William Cook (Coco), Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, of all his right in a messuage in the corner by the street which goes towards the Cross bath, between the land of Thomas Blaket and the land of the Master of the hospital of St. John the Baptist of Bath.

Witnesses : Peter le Brevitor ; Alexander de Leye ; John Cole ; Richard Miller (Molendinarius) ; William Adeu.

(1307).

(40)

Quitclaim by Amice, relict of Benedict de Stoke, for 3s. 6d., to William Marreys, of all her right in a plot of land in the street which goes towards the Cross bath, next a curtilage of the Priory of Bath, on the east, and the land of the Almoner of the same priory, on the south ; which said plot Benedict, her husband, sold to the said William, as the charter made between them witnesseth.

Witnesses : Richard Tabernarius, Mayor ; Gilbert Cissor ; Adam Fullo ; Henry Scyle ; William Golde.

(*Circa* 1290).

(41)

Grant by Thomas de Celario, with the consent of Eva, his wife, for 5 marks, to Adam Fullo, of one yearly rent of 6 shillings for the tenement of the said Adam, which is between the lane which goes towards the church of St. Michael by the baths, on the east, and the land of the said Adam, on the west.

Witnesses : Stephen de Devyses, Mayor ; William de Hemyngton, Provost ; Richard Tabernarius ; Gilbert Cissor ; John de Scyrburn ; Henry Scyle ; Eustace Mercator.

(*Circa* 1285).

(42)

Grant by Lawrence, son of Gilbert Black (Nigri), to William Kynieth, of all his land in Bath which the said Gilbert, his father, held of Andrew Clerk, of Bath ; which said land, at the west, belongs to the curtilage which was the said Andrew's and (lies) in the corner of the lane which goes to the baths. Rendering yearly 13 pence at four terms of the year. For which William gave to Gilbert 20s. and to Sweyn, Lawrence's brother, 6 pence, and 6d. to John, his brother, and a tunic to William, Lawrence's son.

Witnesses : Sweyn de Weston ; John de Porta ; John Coc ; Henry Scissor ; Walter Finegal ; Geoffrey Malreward ; David de Berewik ; Dunstan, son of Andrew ; Thomas Sweyn ; Walter Falc ; Ralph le Archer ; Jordan de Henley ; William Slegh ; William Smith ; Ralph Scissor.

(Circa 1285).

(43)

Release by Matilda, widow of Nicholas de Suthstoke, to Walter de Knolle, of a tenement opposite the Cross bath, between the lane which goes to St. Michael's church, on the west, and a tenement belonging to the hospital of St. John of Bath, on the east.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : Roger Crist, Mayor ; Adam Whiteson ; William Sweyn ; Henry Hurel ; Alexander le Dygher ; Richard le Vygnour ; John Husee ; Nicholas Crypz ; Adam Barber.

Dated at Bath, Sunday the Morrow of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 14 Edw. III. (25 June, 1340).

(44)

Grant by Michael de Waddon, to William de Bourne, of rent of 17 pence in Bath which he used to take yearly from the Master of St. John's Hospital of Bath for a tenement which William de Fikeys held by the Cross bath.

Witnesses : Sirs Nicholas de Langelond and John de Button, knights ; Edmund Huse ; James Huse ; William Cook ; Peter le Brevetur ; Richard Miller.

Dated at Bath, Monday the Morrow of St. Edmund the Archbishop, 3 Edw. II. (17 November, 1309).

(45)

Grant by John Symons, Master of the house or hospital of St. John the Baptist, of Bath, to Nicholas Jobyn, of a vacant land (unam vacuum terram) in St. Michael's lane within the City, extending in length from the corner of the said lane to the Cross bath, to the land of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the south, and in width from the said lane, on the west, to the King's land, on the east. To have and to hold for 69 years. Rendering yearly 2 pence, 1 penny at Michaelmas and 1 penny at Lady Day : And if Nicholas or his assigns within that time wish to build a cottage or stable upon the said land they shall have sufficient timber in the close of the Master, etc., called Seinte Johnsmede, by the walls. Nicholas covenants to repair and maintain the hedges and walls.

Dated in their Chapter House on the Feast of the Annunciation, 35 Hen. VIII. (25 March, 1544).

(46)

Release by Walter Knolle, to John Mylverton, of Bath, his heirs and assigns, of all his right in a tenement by St. Michael's lane, on the west side, and the messuage of St. John's Hospital, on the east, which said (tenement) John had of the grant of Walter for his life.

Seal of the Mayor of the Borough of the City of Bath.

Witnesses : Walter Carpenter, Mayor ; Robert Deyare ; John Grygory ; Thomas Stote ; Nicholas Swayn.

Dated at Bath, Thursday the Feast of the Annunciation, 35 Edw. III. (25 March, 1361).

(47)

Will of Henry Cissor.

His body to be buried in the churchyard of the Apostles Peter and Paul, Bath.

To the poor on the day of his funeral in bread, 14s. 3d.

For a taper, 4s. and for tallow candles, 4d.

For an oblation for masses on the day of his burial, 2s.

For chanting the psalms, 12d.

For buying a coffin for burying his body, 33d.

To Sir John the vicar, 20s.

To the Prior and Convent of Bath for a pittance, 10s.

To Alice, his wife, his house in which he dwelt ; also his oven with its house to Alice, his wife.

To Henry, his son, his cellar. Rendering yearly to the mass of the B.M. of Stalls in Bath, 4s. and to the Commonalty of Bath, 6d.

To the same Henry, the stall (selda) in which Nicholas Braynwoode dwelt, and he will acquit him against John Marshal of 10s., and against himself of 32s.

To the same Henry, 1 pound of pepper of rent of the house which formerly was William Cook's.

To Thomas, his son, which leads to the baths " *quinque totias qui ducit ad balnea* " (*sic*) that he may give at once to the fabric of Bath bridge, 2s., for his soul.

Also he gave 12d. from the house of the fishing stage (*stacii*) in Plumtonewichene, and 6d. from the house of Ralph Clerk, to the Commonalty of Bath, on condition that the Mayor should give to each Bath parochial chaplain 2d. yearly on his anniversary, and to each parish clerk for ringing a knell on that day 1d., and to the Bedman 2d., and to the Brotherhood of Jerusalem 1d. yearly.

To Ralph, called Clerk, of Budeston, and his heirs, a yearly rent of 6d. out of his house which the same Ralph holds.

He appointed Sir Henry, his son, and Alice, his wife, executors by the advice of John his vicar.

(48)

Release by Robert de Aston, son and heir of John de Aiston, to Thomas Fraunceys, of Bath, of all his right in an annual rent of 12d. which Peter le Brevytr

was accustomed to render for a tenement in Plumtrellane, as is contained more fully in a certain charter made to him.

Witnesses : Richard Wytesone, Mayor ; John Cole ; John Pistor ; William Adeu ; Peter le Boye.

Dated at Bath, Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Vincent, 11 Edw. II. (25 January, 1317-18).

(49)

Release by Cristina Hoke, to Thomas Standyche, chaplain, of all her right in two shops with the curtilages, etc., in Plomtroulane, which are situate between a tenement of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the north, and the tenement of John Watty's, on the south.

Dated at Bath, 29 May, 17 Ric. II. (1394).

(50)

Release by [Thom]as Standyche, chaplain, to Symon Post, commonly called Symon Webbe, and to Alice, his wife, of all his right in two shops with the curtilages, in Plomtreulane, situate between the tenement of John Wattys, on the south, and a tenement of the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, on the north, which he formerly had of the feoffment of Cristina Hoke.

Dated at Bath, 4 November, 18 Ric. II. (1394).

(51)

Release (as in No. 50).

Dated : 17 November, 18 Ric. II. (1394).

(52)

Release (as in No. 50).

Rendering to the Bishop of Bath for land gabel 1d. at Hockeday.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : Robert Wespray, Mayor ; Thomas Swayn ; Henry Goldsmyzth ; Robert Coppe ; Thomas Plomer ; John Whyte ; Edmund Forde.

Dated at Bath on the Day of St. Katherine the Virgin, 18 Ric. II. (25 November, 1394).

(53)

Grant by Symon Post, and Alice, his wife, to John Cerne, William Gy and William Hulle, of two shops with the curtilages in Plomtrulane, which they had of the feoffment of Thomas Standyche, chaplain, situate between a tenement of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the north, and the tenement of John Wattys, on the south.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : Robert Draper, Mayor ; Robert Waspray ; Roger Testwode ; Henry Bertlot ; Roger Glover ; John Marys ; Symon Morys.

Dated at Bath, Morrow of the Epiphany, 19 Ric. II. (7 January, 1395-96).

(54)

Grant by William Cubbel, Mayor, and the Commonalty, to Luke the miller, of Calneston, and Agnes, his wife, of five shillings worth of annual rent issuing from a messuage and curtilage which Cristine la Voysy holds for her life in Plomtreulane, situate between the tenement of William de Calneston, on the south, and the tenement of Thomas le Tannere, on the north, together with the reversion of the same. Rendering yearly to the Bishop of Bath at Hokeday for land gable 1d. For which Luke and Agnes granted to the said Mayor, etc., an annual rent of 5s. issuing from a shop which William Hendyman holds in Stall street, between the shop which John Dayer holds, on the north, and the shop which Peter de Lewes holds, on the south ; and also two shillings worth of annual rent from the shop which William le Porter holds in the same Stalle street, between the shop of John Fynch, on the north, and the shop which John Bouchermede holds, on the south.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Adam Whyteson ; Alexander Dyer (Tincter) ; Roger Criste ; William Swayn ; Henry Hurel ; Henry le Mareschal ; John Husee.

Dated at Bath, 11 March, 19 Edw. III. (1344-45).

(55)

Grant by William Cubbel, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to William Cubbel, citizen, and Agnes, his wife, and Joan, their daughter, for their lives, of a messuage, with a curtilage adjacent, and two vacant plots in Plumtroulane, which said messuage, etc., William Hendyman once held, and John Fynch and John Durcote once held the said vacant plots. Rendering yearly to the Mayor, etc., 2s. of silver at four terms of the year (with clause for maintenance).

Dated at Bath, 20 April, 25 Edw. III. (1351).

(56)

Grant by John Gregory, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Sewall Fraunceys, citizen, and Margery, his wife, for their lives, and after their decease to John, their son, for his life, of a curtilage in Plomtroulane, in which curtilage a round dovecote should be built the first year, situate between their land, on the south, and by the City walls, on the north. Rendering yearly 2s. of silver.

Witnesses : John Gregory, Mayor ; John Natton ; Robert Wattes ; John Compe ; Richard Forde.

Dated at Bath, 5 April, 4 Ric. II. (1381).

(57)

Grant by Robert Draper, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Symon Post, and Alice, his wife, for their lives in survivorship, of a shop with a curtilage in Plomtreulane, between the shop of the Commonalty which is vacant, on the north, and the tenement of John Wattys, on the south ; and the office of Bedman, with the bell within the city. Rendering yearly to the cofferers of the Commonalty one penny at Hokeday (with covenant to maintain the shop, etc., in good state).

Witnesses : Robert Draper, Mayor ; Robert Waspray ; William Gy ; John Cerne ; Sewall Franceys ; Symon Morys.

Dated at Bath on the Octaves of the Epiphany, 19 Ric. II. (13 January, 1395-96).

(58)

Grant by Ralph Hunt, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Thomas Stanfery, citizen, and Margaret, his wife, for their lives, of their dovecote with the garden adjacent in Plumtrelande, which said dovecote, etc., Sewall Fraunceys formerly held of the Commonalty. Rendering yearly six shillings of silver (with clause for re-entry in case of neglect of payment or repairs, or sale without permission).

Witnesses : John Savage ; John Northfolk, " porker " ; Richard Wydecombe.

Dated at Bath, Friday before Michaelmas, 11 Henry IV. (26 September, 1410).

(59)

Grant by William Phelippe, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Peter Kente, citizen, and Isabella, his wife, for their lives, of a garden in Plumtrelande, situate between the garden which John Fyshe holds, on the south, and the garden which Roger Stanburgh holds, on the north ; which said garden William Eynesham formerly held of them. Rendering yearly to the proctors of their Chantry of St. Katherine the Virgin, of Bath, 12 pence sterling at the four usual terms.

Witnesses : Walter Ryche ; William Hokekyns ; Thomas Abell ; William Walley ; William Carter.

Dated at Bath, in the Guildhall, on the Feast of Pentecost, 16 Henry VI. (1 June, 1438).

(60)

Grant by Randolf le Archer, to Robert de Atteber', and Galiena, his wife, Randolf's daughter, of certain land in Bath in the lane called Plumtreowestrete which Roger de Bath gave to him ; and it lies between the land which was David Little's (Parvi), on the north, and the land which Vincent Galopin took in exchange for his land from the brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital in Bath, on the south. Rendering yearly 12 pence on the Morrow of St. Michael to the aforesaid Roger for all secular service, etc., saving 1d. to the King at Hokeday for land gabel.

Witnesses : Swcyn de Weston ; Henry Scissor ; Thomas Sweyn ; Walter Falc ; Adam Walensis ; Hamon de Kalneston ; David de Berewike ; Peter Cook (Cocus) ; William de Clafferton ; William, son of David de Berewike ; Adam Marshal ; Walter Finegal ; Richard le Peith.

(Circa 1250).

(61)

Quitclaim by Cecily, daughter of Hamon de Kalneston, to Hugo Petyt, her uncle, of all her right in that land in Bath, in West street, in the corner of the lane called Plumtrouestwithene, opposite the lane which extends to Saint Michael's Church.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, Mayor ; Thomas Sweyn ; Gilbert Cissor ; Robert Cook ; John de Syreburn ; Adam Fullo ; William Cook.

(Circa 1285).

(62)

Grant by Hugh Petyt, of Bath, to William Le Res, and Matilda, his wife, for their service, of all his land in Plumtonestwythene, with the house, etc., in the town

aforesaid, lying between the land of John Marshal and the land which was Walter Brian's. Rendering yearly to the King for land gabel at Hockeday 3 pence half-penny, and to Hugh 3s. at four terms of the year.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor ; Richard Everard ; John Myles ; Gilbert Cissor ; Thomas Sueyn.

(Circa 1285).

(63)

Grant by Hugh Petyt, for the salvation of his soul and the souls of his father and mother, etc., and for the maintenance of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath, of all that land in Plumtonesywythene, with the houses and all other its appurtenances, lying between the land of Nicholas Perker, on the south, and the land which belonged to Walter Brian, on the north.

Witnesses : Thomas Sweyn, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Gilbert Cissor ; Robert Cook ; John de Scyreburne.

(1296).

(64)

Grant by William, son of John de Shyrburn, to John le Voysi, and Cristina, his wife, for their lives only, of a messuage in Plumtrouwelane, between the land of the Commonalty of Bath, on the north, and the land of William Rous, on the south. Rendering yearly 4s. at the four usual terms of the year. For which they gave him one mark of silver. (clause for maintaining the messuage).

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor ; William Cook ; Richard Miller ; Peter le Brevitor ; Thomas Fynch.

(1326-27).

(65)

Grant by Nicholas Boueclyne, for 10 shillings, to Geoffrey de Hesham, skinner, of a messuage which lies between the house of Juliana Kademan, on the north, and the house of Eminent le Carpenter, on the south. Rendering yearly to the lord of the fee 4 pence and one rose to Nicholas at the Feast of the Blessed John the Baptist.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor, Mayor ; Gilbert Cissor, Provost ; John Miles ; Robert Cook ; Richard Everard, Clerk ; Henry Absalon.

(Circa 1290).

(66)

Grant by Geoffry de Hesham, to Thomas de Hampton, miller, for 30s. 5d., of a messuage which he bought of Nicholas Boueclyne by Alsy's bath (juxta, balneum Halsi), and between the house of Juliana Kademan, on the north, and the house of Emmota le Carpenter, on the south. To have and to hold to the said Thomas and his heirs or to whomsoever he should wish to give, sell, etc., Rendering yearly to the lord of the fee 4 pence, and a rose to Geoffrey at midsummer.

Witnesses : Henry Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard ; Robert Cook ; Richard Knith, Provost ; Richard de Henley.

(Circa 1290).

(67)

Grant by Nicholas Zedelf, rector of the church of Walecote, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, of all his messuage by Alsy's bath, (juxta balneum Alsy), which lies between the land of St. John's Hospital, on the east, and the Almoner of the Priory of Bath, on the west. Rendering yearly to the hospital of St. John of Bath 6½d. For which grant the priests of the common masses of Bath shall have his soul in remembrance in the celebration of their masses.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor ; John de Scyrburn ; William Cook ; William Scuel ; John le Venur ; John de Dovere ; William de Ferleye.

(1280-1295).

(68)

Grant by Juliana Kademan, for half a mark, to William le Fouel, of all her land by Alsy's bath, which (land) is between the land of Thomas the miller, on the south, and the land of the said William, on the north. Rendering yearly to her a rose at midsummer, and to the Abbess of Keynesham 2 pence.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, Mayor ; Adam Fullo, Provost ; Gilbert Cissor ; Robert Cook ; John de Scyreburne ; Richard Tabnar' ; Geoffrey Clerk.

(Circa 1280).

(69)

Grant by William Scuel, of Bath, to William le Cloytmangare, for four marks, of a messuage which lies by Alsy's bath, between the land of the hospital of St. John of Bath, on the north, and the land of Thomas the miller, on the south. Rendering 4d. yearly to the same (Thomas) and to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath 6d.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor ; William Cook ; Thomas Sweyn ; John de Dovere ; Ralph Tabernarius ; Eustace Mercator ; Richard le Gath.

Dated at Bath, 16 Kal. April, 20 Edw. I. (16 April, 1292).

(70)

Quitclaim by Joan Cademan, to William le Cloytmangare, of all her right in a messuage lying between the land of St. John's Hospital by Alsy's bath, on the north, and the land of Thomas Miller, on the south.

Witnesses : William Cook, Mayor ; Henry Batyn, Provost ; William Scuel ; Peter le Brevitor ; William Adeu.

Dated at Bath on Friday the Feast of St. Edmund the King, 28 Edw. I. (22 November, 1300).

(71)

William the Clothmangere appoints as his attorney Sir Thomas de Covyntre, rector of St. Mary's, Northgate, to put Peter le Brevytur, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, into full seisin, of two messuages in Bath whereof he enfeoffed them, one of which lies by Alsy's bath, between the land of Thomas the miller, on the south, and the land of the hospital of St. John of Bath, on the north ; and the other messuage lies by Brade street, between the land of the Commonalty, on the north, and the land which was Nicholas le Parker's, on the south.

Witnesses : William Cook ; Richard Wytesone ; John Cole ; William Adieu ; Benedict de Stoke.

Dated at Bath, Friday the Feast of St. Giles the Abbot, 6 Edw. II. (1 September, 1312).

(72)

An agreement made between Nicholas de la Pillori, of the one part, and William de Ferleye, of the other part, by which Nicholas, with the advice of Emma, his mother, in consideration of 24 shillings, grants to William, a house by Alsy's bath, which is between the land of Thomas the miller and the land of Clement atte Pipe. To hold for thirteen years next following. Rendering yearly to Emma 15 pence and to the Abbot of Keynesham 4 pence and to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath, 1d.

Nicholas, for the aforesaid 20d., will warrant the house against all men and women and if it is burnt by alien fire they will build it anew. If it is burnt by William or his heirs they shall rebuild it; and if Nicholas, and Simon, his son, should die within the said time, then William, and Matilda, his wife, shall have the house hereditarily for ever.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor; Richard Everard; Adam Fullo, Provost; Robert Stablularius; Roger Cridehulle; Roger Aleyn; Richard de Henley, Coroners.

Dated : Feast of St. Margaret. (20 July, 1286).

(73)

Grant by William de Farlegh, chaplain, and Margery, daughter of Margery de Farlegh, to Margery de Farlegh, of their tenement by Alsy's bath, which (tenement) lies between the tenement of Hugo de Ponte, parson of the church of Fershorde, on the north, and the tenement which John Husee holds, on the south.

Witnesses : Alexander Dyer (Tincter), Mayor; Adam Whytesone; William Cubbel; Roger Cryst; William Sweyn; Henry Hurel; Richard le Vyngour.

Dated at Bath, Saturday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 19 Edw. III. (30 April, 1345).

(74)

Grant by Matilda de Farley, relict of William de Farley, cook, to Mariota, her daughter, of a house with a curtilage adjacent, situate by Alsy's bath, between the land of Thomas Miller, on the north, and the land of Adam Knyvet, on the south. Rendering yearly to the Abbot and Convent of Caynesham 4 pence, to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath, 1d., and 1 penny at Easter to Matilda.

Witnesses : John Cole, Mayor; William le Nyweman, Provost; Richard le Boy; William a Dyeu; Adam de Farley; Ralph le Dyere; Henry Hurel.

Dated at Bath, 3 August, 17 Edw. II. (1323).

(75)

Grant by Mary de Farlegh, to Hugh de Ponte, parson of the church of Fershorde, of her tenement with the curtilage, etc., by Alsy's bath, situate between the tenement of the said Hugh, on the north, and the tenement which John Husee holds, on the south.

Witnesses : Alexander Dyer, Mayor; Adam Wythesone; William Cubbel; Roger Cryst; William Swayn; Henry Hurel; Richard le Vynunur.

Dated at Bath, Sunday before Michaelmas, 19 Edw. III. (25 September, 1345).

(76)

Release by Margery Farlegh, daughter of Mary Farlegh, relict of John Gromnale, to Walter Merkelegh, goldsmith, of Bath, of annual rent of 3s. issuing from a house with a curtilage, etc., by Alsý's bath, which the said Walter was accustomed to pay him according to a deed made between them.

Seal of the Mayoralty of Bath.

Witnesses: John Wyttokysmede, Mayor; John Gregory; Robert Dyare; John Mulverton; Henry Clerk.

Dated at Bath, Sunday before the Annunciation, 29 Edw. III. (22 March, 1354-55).

(77)

Grant by Walter Merkelegh, citizen, to John Gregory and Walter Carpenter, of a house with a curtilage, etc., by Alsý's bath, situate between the messuage of the Commonalty of Bath, on the south, and the messuage of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, on the north. Rendering yearly to the Abbot and Convent of Kaynesham, 4 pence of silver, and to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath one penny at Whitsuntide.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses: John Whyttokesmede, Mayor; John Natton; William Goldsmyth; Richard Forde; William Cooke.

Dated at Bath, Saturday the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, 40 Edw. III. (25 April, 1366).

(78)

Grant by Philip de Lambrugge, and Agnes, his wife, for six marks, to William Scuel, of Bath, of their tenement, etc., by Alsý's bath, between the land of St. John's Hospital, on the north, and the land of Thomas Miller, on the south. Rendering yearly a rose to Philip and Agnes, and to the Abbot of Keynesham 4 pence, and to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty of Bath 6 pence.

Witnesses: John de Cumbe, tailor, Mayor; Adam Knyfeth, Provost; Richard Tabernarius; John le Venur; John de Dovere; Eustace Mercator; John de Scyrburn. (Circa 1285).

(79)

Grant by John Freoman, and Joan, his wife, to John le Rydeler, of Mellys, and Cristina, his wife, of yearly rent of 6s. to be taken from a tenement in Frogmere lane, in the suburb of Bath, between the land of the brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital, of Bath, on the south, and the land formerly of Augustus de Bath, on the north; which said tenement, Richard Putor, and Alice, his wife, hold for their lives; and also the reversion of the same tenement, as entirely as the said Richard and Alice hold of them by a writing indented, viz., with a certain part of a curtilage containing 22 feet in width, from the corner of the chamber of the said tenement towards the west, and 55 feet in length between the north and south. To hold the said rent with the reversion of the tenement to John and Cristina, and their issue lawfully begotten, of the chief lord of that fee, freely, etc. Rendering yearly to the chief lord 2½ pence at le Hockeday for land gabel. Saving to the grantors free ingress and exit to their curtilage there, so that no hurt ought to happen to John

and Cristina or their heirs ; and after the decease of John Freoman, and Joan, his wife, the curtilage pertaining to the said tenement to revert to the said tenement ; and if John and Cristina should die without issue then the tenement with the curtilage, etc., to revert to John Freoman, and Joan, his wife, and their heirs.

Witnesses : Adam Wyteson, Mayor ; John de Wyke ; Richard le Boy ; Geoffrey Hamond ; William de Kymenton ; Robert le Deyzer ; John Columbel.

(1339).

(80)

Grant by Alexander de Leye and Richard Miller, then proctors of the church of St. Mary within the Northgate, with the consent of the whole parish, to John Columbel, and Agnes, his wife, of a messuage in the suburb of Bath, in Froggemere, between the land of Nicholas de Lantesdoune, on the east, and the land of the Prior and Convent of Bath, on the west. Rendering yearly to the proctors of the said church who for the time shall be 14 pence, and to the lord Bishop of Bath 2 pence at Hokeday for land gabel.

Seals of William Scuel, Mayor, and the parishioners of the said church.

Witnesses : John de Cumbe, tailor ; Ralph Tabernarius ; William le Cloytmangare ; Richard Legath ; Richard de Warewike ; William Bruning ; Walter Trig.

Dated at Bath, Tuesday after the Feast of St. Gregory the Pope, 23 Edw. I. (16 March, 1293-94).

(81)

Quitclaim by Thomas le Knizth, of Bath, to Robert Columbel, and Agnes, his wife, of all his right in a cottage in the suburb of Bath, next his tenement, and which extends upon the head of the lane called Froggemere towards the north ; which said cottage he before granted to Robert, and Agnes, his wife, for their lives, as is more fully witnessed in a deed made between them. Rendering every year to the Bishop of Bath one penny at Hokedaye for land gabel.

Witnesses : John Pistor, Mayor ; William Cook ; Peter le Brevitour ; Richard Witesone ; Richard Marshal ; Thomas de Bristol ; John de Wike.

Dated : Monday the Vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 10 Edw. II. (20 December, 1316).

(82)

Quitclaim by Alice Cok, of Bath, in her free widowhood, to Benedict de Stoke, of all her claim in the name of dower or by reason of any other right in a messuage, etc., in Froggemere, between the land of William de Shyrburn, on the north, and the land of the brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital, of Bath, on the south.

Witnesses : William Cook, Mayor ; Peter le Brevitor ; Richard Miller ; Thomas Fynch ; William Adeu.

Dated at Bath, Sunday the Morrow of St. Benedict the Abbot, 3 Edw. II. (22 March, 1309-10).

(83)

Grant by John Bathe alias Pochen, burgess of the town (ville) of Bristol, to John Seylo, citizen of Bath, and his heirs, of his tenement situate in Froggelane in

which he (John Seylo) lives ; also grant to the same John Seylo of two cottages together, in All Saints otherwise Vikeries lane in Bath, with the garden adjacent on the east of the said lane, opposite to the hospice (hospitium) of the vicar of Stalls, between the tenement of the Prior of Bath, on the south, and a cottage of the said Prior, on the north.

Witnesses : Ralph Hunte ; Richard Foster ; Robert Drewe ; John Savage, the younger ; Roger Hobbes.

Dated at Bath, Feast of Purification, 8 Hen. V. (2 February, 1420-21).

(84)

Release by John Bath alias Pochen, burgess of the town (ville) of Bristol, to John Seylo, citizen of Bath, of all that tenement in the suburb of the city of Bath (as in No. 83).

Dated : 1 May, 8 Hen. V. (1420).

(85)

Grant by John Bourghulle, burgess of Bristol, executor of the will of John Bathe alias Pochen, to John Funtell, clerk, William Test, of Frompton on Severn, Thomas Gatecombe, and Nicholas Stowell, of an annual rent of one penny of silver, which John Seylo, and Alice, his wife, have been accustomed to render to him for the tenement which they had of the grant of the said John Bathe for their lives, in Froggelane, Bath ; also grant of the annual rent of one penny of silver which Katherine Lewys, formerly servant of the said John Bathe, was accustomed to render to him for two cottages in Vicaryeslane, which the said Katherine had of the grant of the said John Bathe for her life ; and also grant of the reversion of the said tenement and two cottages after the death of the said John Seylo, and Alice, his wife, and of Katherine.

Witnesses : Richard Wytcombe ; William Philippes ; Richard Champneys ; Richard Forster ; Richard Eyton ; William Honybrugge ; John Chokke.

Dated : 1 Sept., 5 Hen. VI. (1426).

(86)

Power of Attorney to John Burghulle, burgess of Bristol and executor of the will of John Bathe alias Pochen, to John Ponter and Peter Clerk, to deliver seisin to John Funtell, clerk (and others) of all those lands and tenements which John Seylo, and Alice, his wife, and Katherine Lewys hold for the term of their lives in the city of Bath and the suburb, according to the force and effect of the said John Burghull's charter.

Witnesses : Thomas Rigge ; William Tracy ; Henry Vyol, Gentlemen ; Richard Wydecombe, Mayor of Bath ; John Gyton.

Dated at Bath, 20 Sept., 5 Hen. VI. (1426).

(87)

Grant by Thomas Gatecombe, of Powlet, co. Somerset, the elder, to Walter Ryché, citizen of Bath, of a messuage in Froggelane, between the tenement of the Prior of Bath which Roger Hobbys now holds there, on the east, and a cottage of

the Mayor and Commonalty which Joan Pavy now holds, on the west ; also grant of two cottages with a garden adjacent in Vycaryslane of the same city.

Seal of Mayoralty of Bath.

Witnesses : William Phelpys, Mayor ; William Hokekyns ; Robert Drewe ; Thomas Abell, Citizens ; William Whitechurche and William Dreyton, Constables ; John Vyell, the younger, of Bristol, Gentleman.

Dated : 2 October, 21 Hen. VI. (1442).

(88)

Grant by John, Prior of the cathedral church of Bath, and the Convent of the same place, to the Mayor and Commonalty of a certain curtilage, etc., in the suburb outside the Northgate, between Froglane, on the south, and the close which John Savage, the younger, holds of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the north, and which curtilage contains 4 perches and 2 feet in length and 14 perches 4 feet in width. To have and to hold to the said Mayor, etc., and their successors, from the Prior and Convent and their successors, freely, etc., for ever. Rendering yearly to the Prior and his successors 12 pence of good and lawful money of England (with clause for distress in event of non payment of rent).

Witnesses : Richard Wydecombe ; Ralph Hunt ; John Savage, the elder ; Walter Riche ; John Northfolk ; William Radestoke.

Dated at Bath, Monday before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 1 Hen. V. (24 June, 1413).

(89)

Grant by Richard Wytesone, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Robert Wytesone, and Alice, his wife, and to Agnes, their daughter, of their messuage in Froggemere, which lies between the curtilage of the Blessed Mary of the Priory of Bath, on the east, and a curtilage of the brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital, Bath, on the west (with clause for repairing, etc., and good condition at the end of lease). Rendering yearly to the proctors of the masses of the Commonalty 12 pence, and to the Bishop for land gabel at Hockeday 4 pence for all services.

Witnesses : John Cole ; John Baker (Pistor) ; William Adeu ; John Tinctor ; John de Southstoke ; Richard Marshal ; Thomas de Bristol.

(*Circa* 1330).

(90)

Grant by William Cubbel, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Roger Clywerc, of Bath, and Agnes, his wife, and Joan, their daughter, for their lives, of a messuage with a curtilage in Froggemerelane, situate between the tenement of William de Kemyngton which the aforesaid Roger holds, on the east, and the toft which Robert de Dunsterre holds, on the west ; which said messuage the Mayor and Commonalty had of the gift of John Columbhel, the younger. Rendering yearly 2s. 10d. of silver, and to the Bishop for land gabel at Hockeday two pence (with clause for maintenance).

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; John de Halle ; Nicholas Coppe ; Robert Plonte ; Thomas Stote.

Dated at Bath, 1 Sept., 23 Edw. III. (1349).

(91)

Grant by Robert Wattes, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Gregori, citizen, and Agnes, his wife, for their lives, of a messuage in Froggemerlane, which William Heremyte formerly held, between the curtilage of Thomas Kyngton, on the north, and the curtilage which Alice Golde holds of the Master of St. John's Hospital, on the south. Rendering yearly to the proctors of the Chantry of their Commonalty 5s. and doing to the chief lords the service due ; and John and Agnes shall maintain the messuage in as good a state as they received it, and after their death the messuage and curtilage shall remain to Alice, daughter of Robert Ballard, for her life. Rendering and doing as John and Agnes ought to render and do.

Witnesses : John Whytokesmede ; Walter Carpenter ; John Natton ; Richard Cleware.

Dated at Bath, 6 April, 45 Edw. III. (1371).

(92)

Grant by William Drayton, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Thomas Goosye, citizen, "wever," and Joan, his wife, for their lives, of all that their cottage with the garden adjacent, in Froggelane, between the cottage of the Mayor, etc., which John Courte now inhabits, on the east, and their tenement with the oven, now vacant, on the west ; and it extends from the lane, in front, to the highway below the walls, behind. Rendering yearly 3s. (clause of distress in case of non-payment of the rent).

Witnesses : William Drayton, Mayor ; William Whytechurch and Peter Kente, Constables ; John Weere and John Thomas, Cofferers ; Andrew Bedeford and Richard Cockesall, Proctors.

Dated the year and place abovesaid. (*sic.* : undated).

(*Circa* 1320).

(93)

Grant by John Steere, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to William Stanburgh of Bath, merchant, and Edith, his wife, and to William, their son, for their lives, of their tenement in the suburb of the said city in Froggelane, with their garden adjacent, and their garden near the said tenement with the tent there ; which said tenement, with the garden, and the garden and tent, Master Henry Bryan lately held. Rendering yearly 12s. (with clause for repairing and maintenance and also for distress if the rent be in arrear for one month and re-entry in case of alienation without permission).

Witnesses : John Steere, Mayor ; Andrew Beddeford ; William Walter ; William Clerke ; Richard Reede.

Dated : 8 Jan, 7 Edw. IV. (1467-68).

(94)

Grant by Mary, formerly wife of Elias de Calneston, to Adam Suel, of Bath, of two shillings worth of annual rent from a vacant plot in Paynistwygene, between the tenement of John atte Brom, on the north, and the messuage which Matilda Berhoke now holds ; which said (plot) Edward Alington, and Edith, his wife, hold

for the life of the said Edith for the said rent with the reversion of the said rent after her death to the said Mary. To hold the said rent together with the reversion of the said plot to the said (Adam) and his heirs for ever.

Witnesses: Alexander (), Mayor; Adam Wyteson; John Cook; William Sweyn; Henry Hurel; Richard Vynur.

Dated at Bath, 6 May, 16 Edw. III. (1342).

(Torn and stained).

(95)

Grant by William Rouse, son of Henry le Mareschal, of Bath, to John Cumpe, of Bath, of the cottage with a curtilage which the said Henry gave him by his will; which said cottage is situate in the lane called Paynestwyche, between the cottage of the church of the B.M. of Northgate, on the south, and a cottage of the Mayor and Commonalty, on the north; and the said curtilage lies between the said cottage, on the west, and the garden of Richard Clywere, on the east, and extends from the street of Borewall, in front, to the garden of Richard Venour, behind.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses: John Natton, Mayor; John Gregory; Robert Wattes; Thomas Swayne; Richard Budel; Robert Brente; Roger Chepman.

Dated at Bath, Monday after the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 2 Ric. II. (28 June, 1378).

(96)

Release by Walter Rouse, son of Henry le Mareschal, to John Cumpe, of all his right in the premises (as in No. 95).

Witnesses: John Natton, Mayor; Robert Wattes; Thomas Swayne; Richard Budel; John Serne; Sewal Fraunceys; Robert Brente.

Dated at Bath, Thursday next after the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 2 Ric. II. (1 July, 1378).

(97)

Release by Cristina Compe, relict of John Compe, citizen of Bath, after her decease and that of John Bath alias Hendman, and of Alice, his wife, daughter of John Compe, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, of a cottage with a garden in the street called Paynstwechen, situate between a cottage of the said Mayor and Commonalty, on the north, and a cottage of the Blessed Mary within the Northgate, on the south. To hold the same after their death for the maintenance of a lamp burning every day in the chapel of the Blessed Mary de Stalls, at the first mass there to be celebrated for the souls of John Compe, Cristina, his wife, John Bath alias Hendman, and Alice, his wife; and if the lamp is not maintained, from that time the cottage and garden shall remain to the proctors of the church of the B.M. de Stalls for the time being in order to maintain the lamp in manner and form abovesaid.

Witnesses: Robert Waspray, Mayor; John Serne; Sewald Franceys; Richard Thorne; John Hayward.

Dated at Bath, Monday before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 16 Ric. II. (2 September, 1392).

(98)

Grant by Edward Maleth, perpetual vicar of the church of Kynmerysdon, and John Hone, to Richard atte Thorne, of Bath, of a messuage in Bath, lying in Paynystwychyne, between the curtilage of the rector of Bekyngton, on the north, and the land formerly belonging to Walter Purchas, on the south; which said tenement they had of the gift and feoffment of John Palmer of Kynmerysdon. Rendering to the rector of the church of Beckyngton 6 pence at Michaelmas yearly.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : William Rous, Mayor; John Compe; John Natton; Robert Wespray; Richard Bydel; John Serne; Thomas Brocworth.

Dated at Bath, 30 Jan., 16 Ric. II. (1392-93).

(99)

Release by John Palmer, of Kynmerysdon, to Richard atte Thorne, of all right he has or could have in a messuage which Richard had of the gift and feoffment of Edward Maleth, vicar of Kynmerysdon, and John Hone, which lies in the street called Paynestwychyne, by their charters made to the said Richard and his heirs.

Witnesses : William Rous, Mayor; Richard Gluer; John Hayward.

Dated at Bath, 1 Feb. 16 Ric. II. (1392-93).

(100)

Grant by Richard atte Thorne, of Bath, to Alice, his wife, and her heirs, of a messuage which he lately had of the gift and feoffment of Edward Maleth, vicar of Kynmerysdon, and John Hone, lying in the street called Paynestwychyne, between the curtilage of the rector of Bekyngton, on the north, and the land formerly of Walter Purchas, on the south. Rendering yearly sixpence to the church of Bekyngton.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : Robert Waspray, Mayor; Roger Testwode; John Mareys; Ralph Hunt; John Brockeworth; John Whyttokesmede.

Dated at Bath, Sunday after the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, 5 Hen. IV. (21 October, 1403).

(101)

Release by Thomas Mountford, son and heir of John Mountford, late of Box, co. Wilts, for 56s. 8d., to John Geffereis, of the city of Bath, alderman, of all his right in two cottages in the lane called Paynestwychyne in the city aforesaid.

Seal of the office of Mayor.

Witnesses : Lawrence Leche, Mayor; Robert Batyn, William Tyler, Aldermen; Richard Lacy and John Slugg, Constables; William Strong, Bailiff; John Gibbons.

Dated at Bath, 20 April, 12 Hen. VII. (1497).

(102)

Grant by Thomas Mountford, son and heir of John Mountford, late of Box, co. Wilts, gentleman, to John Geffereis, of Bath, alderman, of a cottage in the lane called Paynestwychyn, in the city, between a certain gate by which one goes from the said lane to the tenement late of William Wodward, on the south, and a certain messuage of the church of St. Mary within the Northgate, on the north, and it contains in length on the east side 37 royal feet, and on the west side 34 feet and 2 inches.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : Lawrence Leche, Mayor ; Robert Batyn, William Tyler, Aldermen ; Richard Lacy and John Slugg, Constables ; William Strong, Bailiff ; John Gybbons.

Dated at Bath, 12 April, 12 Hen. VII. (1497).

(103)

Power of Attorney by Thomas Mountford, son and heir of John Mountford, late of Box, co. Wilts, gentleman, to Robert Batyn, alderman, and Richard Lacy, notary, of the City of Bath, to deliver seisin of two cottages in Paynestwychyn to John Geffereis.

Seal of the Mayoralty affixed by Lawrence Leche, Mayor.

Witnesses : Robert Batyn and William Tyler, Aldermen ; Richard Lacy and John Slugg, Constables ; William Strong, Bailiff.

Dated : 20 April, 12 Hen. VII. (1497).

(104)

Bond by Thomas Mountford, to John Geffereis, of the City of Bath, in twenty pounds sterling to be paid to John at the Feast of St. John the Baptist next.

20 April, 12 Hen. VII. (1497).

The condition of the said obligation is that if the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, should disturb John or make any claim in respect of two cottages in a lane called Paynestwychyn, in the city of Bath, contrary to the charter and grant made to the said John Geffereis, his heirs and assigns, and should be convicted, then this obligation shall stand in its force and effect, but if they should not it shall be held for naught.

(105)

Grant by Robert Batyn, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to William Tetbury, citizen, and Agnes, his wife, and for their lives, of a stable with a garden adjacent, in Paynestwichyn lane, between the stable of Isabella Bedford, on the north, and a vacant plot of the vicar of Stalls, on the south. Rendering yearly 2s. (with clause for maintenance and payment, etc).

Witnesses : Robert Batyn, Mayor ; William Haynes ; Robert Rogers ; Thomas Chaunceler ; William Tyler and John Gefferes, Aldermen ; Thomas Kippyng, Bailiff.

Dated at Bath, 13 April, 7 Hen. VII. (1492).

BUNDLE No. 6.

Containing ancient Deeds from the earliest time down to Elizabeth of premises in Mules Street, Holewey, Broommes Lane, Sanders Lane, Vicars Lane, Chermig Street, Sertons Lane, Lotgate near All Saint's Chapel, Harleget, Lyncomb, Hokerbench, Sweynswich, Kemyngtons, Croft, Fordigbrig, Hidfordland, Hagsfordlun, Batheviston, Cherlton, Flatterwell, Yevell, Berford, Bristol, Walecote, Kingsmead, and Barton Grange, from and to divers persons some of which are to the Corporation of Bath.

Nos. 1 to 14 missing.

(15)

Release by Agnes, relict of Henry Attechireche, in her pure widowhood, to John Cole, of Bath, of all her right in two cottages with a curtilage in Mulestrete outside the Albon bridge (extra pontem Albon'), of Bath, between the tenement of Sir John de Warleye, rector of the church of Walecote, on the west side, and the tenement of John Cole, of Bath, on the east side.

Witnesses : John de Berewyk ; William le Vynur ; Henry Martyn ; Thomas Attechirech " filie mee " (*sic*).

Dated at Bath, Thursday in Whitsun Week, 7 Edw. II. (30 May, 1314).

(16)

Grant by Thomas de Ponte, of Bath, to Hugh, his son, of his tenement with the curtilage outside the Bath bridge (extra pontem Bathon'), situate in Mulestret,

between the curtilage formerly belonging to Henry Croke, on the east, and the street which goes towards the Avon, on the west.

Witnesses : William Cook, Mayor ; Henry Batyn, Provost ; Benedict de Stoke ; John de Berewyk ; William le Viennor.

Dated at Bath, Thursday after the Feast of St. Michael, 33 Edw. I. (30 September, 1305).

(17)

Grant by Hugh, son of Thomas de Ponte, formerly citizen of Bath, to Walter de Panes, and Isolda, his wife, of his tenement with the curtilage, situate in Mulestrete, outside Bath bridge, between the curtilage formerly of Henry Croke, on the east, and the street which goes towards the Avon, on the west.

Witnesses : William Cubbel, Mayor ; Adam the miller ; Alexander Dyer (Tincter) ; Richard le Vynour ; Henry Hurel.

Dated at Bath on the Quindene of St. Michael, 18 Edw. III. (13 October, 1344).

(18)

Grant by Agnes, daughter of Walter de Panes, to John de Asschelegh, of four cottages with the curtilages adjacent in Holeway, outside Bath bridge.

Dated at Bradeford, Monday after the Quindene of Easter, 34 Edw. III., in the presence of John Torneye, of Wolfryngton, and John Brockeleghe. (8 June, 1360).

(19)

Release by John de Asshelegh, to Robert Sweting, and Christiana, his wife, of four cottages, with the curtilages adjacent, in Holeweye, outside Bath bridge, in Mulestret, between the tenement of Robert Smith (Faber), on the west, and the curtilage of William Mynty, on the east, which said cottages, etc, the said John had of the grant of Agnes, daughter and heir of Walter Panes.

Seal of the Mayoralty of the city of Bath.

Witnesses : John Whittokesmede, Mayor ; John Gregori ; Robert le Deighere ; Walter Carpenter ; William Berewik.

Dated at Bath, Saturday next after the Feast of St. Gregory the Pope, 38 Edw. III. (15 March, 1364-65).

(20)

Release by Thomas Inggolf, of Henton, co. Wilts, and Agnes, his wife, daughter and heir of Walter de Panes, to Robert Sweting, of Bath, and Christiana, his wife, and their heirs, of all the right they had in their tenement with the curtilage, etc, outside Bath bridge, situate in Mulestret, between the tenement of Robert Smith (Faber), on the west, and the curtilage of William Mynty, on the east.

Seal of the Mayoralty of Bath.

Witnesses : John Gregori, Mayor ; Robert le Dyare ; William Carpenter ; William Berewyk ; John Gynelay.

Dated at Bath, Friday after the Epiphany, 36 Edw. III. (10 March, 1362-63).

(21)

Grant by Thomas Iggolf, of Henton, co. Wilts, and Agnes, his wife, daughter and heir of Walter de Panes, to Robert Swetyng and Cristina, his wife, of Bath, and their heirs, of the premises (as in No. 20).

Witnesses : (as in No. 20).

Dated at Bath, Sunday next after the Feast of the Epiphany, 36 Edw. III. (12 January, 1362-63).

(22)

Grant by Cristina, who was the wife of Robert Berghhogg, otherwise called Swetyng, of Bath, in her pure widowhood, to John de Duddemerton, vicar of Stalls, Bath, William, vicar of Weston, John Shete and Richard Bedel, of all her lands and tenements, etc, which she had on the day of the making of these presents, in Holeweye, within the manor of Lyncombe, situate in Mulstrete, outside Bath bridge, between the tenement of Robert Smith (Faber), on the west, and the curtilage which William Mynti held, on the east.

Seal of the Mayoralty of Bath.

Witnesses : Henry de Forde ; Henry Chaumpenays ; John Gyuele ; Richard atte Brigge ; John Wilcockes.

Dated at Bath, 15 Dec., 45 Edw. III. (1371).

(23)

Release by Isabella, relict of John Tannere, of Bath, to Sir John Dudemerton, chaplain, of all right she had in the name of dower in a messuage with the curtilage in Holeweye, which belonged to John Tannere, formerly her husband.

Seal of the Mayoralty of Bath.

Witnesses : John Grigori, Mayor ; Robert le Dyare ; Walter le Carpenter , John Whittukesmede ; Roger le Rymer.

Dated at Bath, Saturday next after the Translation of St. Swythyn, 36 Edw. III. (16 July, 1362).

(24)

Grant by Robert Berehog, to John Shete and Richard Budel, of one messuage in Holewaye and two shillings yearly rent issuing from the same messuage. To have and to hold of the said Robert, his heirs or assigns, freely, etc, for ever. Rendering yearly to the chief lords of that fee the rents and services due and accustomed. And if the said John and Richard could have the King's licence to have the said messuage, etc, for the chantry of the city of Bath, then the said John and Richard granted all the said messuage, etc, to the chantry aforesaid for ever. And if the said John and Richard could have no licence from the King then they will and grant that all the said rent be distributed for the soul of the said Robert and the souls of his father and mother and of all the faithful deceased, at the disposal of the said John and Richard.

Seal of the Mayoralty of Bath.

Witnesses : John Compe ; Robert Wattes ; John Natton ; Robert Waspray ; William Couk.

Dated at Bath, 2 Jan., 7 Ric. II. (1383-4).

(25)

Grant by John Savage, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Gaunteswell, of Holeway, by Bath, Matilda, his wife, and Edith, their daughter, for their lives in survivorship, of their cottage with the garden adjacent in Holeway, which Robert Smyth lately held of them, situate between the cottage which Robert Godarde holds, on the west, and the garden which William Hunt holds, on the east. Rendering yearly four shillings sterling.

Witnesses : Robert Waspray ; Ralph Hunt ; William Rycard ; Stephen Glover ; Robert Godard.

Dated at Bath, Wednesday after Holy Trinity, 9 Hen. IV. (25 May, 1407-8).

(26)

Grant by John de Cnowel, citizen of New Sarum and executor of the will of William Cheese, late citizen of New Sarum, for 4 marks, to Thomas le Wheler, of Chiddingfolde, citizen of New Sarum, of all that tenement which the said William held in the said city, in Brounstrete, behind the capital tenement formerly belonging to Ralph de Anne ; which said tenement is situate between the tenement of Richard Lutegareshale, the elder, on the south, and that of the tenement which then belonged to Robert Cheese, on the north. Also remission by the said John, for himself and his co-executors and for all other persons to the said Thomas and his heirs of all right which he had in right of executor or in any other manner in the said tenement.

Witnesses : John de Hildesle, Bailiff of Sarum ; Reginald de Tudeworthe, Mayor ; Philip Aubyn, Coroner of Sarum ; John le Rede and William Russel, Provosts ; Richard de Lutegareshale ; Robert de Cnowel ; Thomas Vellard ; Roger de Welhop ; John le Palmere ; Elias Baker ; Henry Flemyng ; William Clerk (Clericus).

Dated at Salisbury, Wednesday after the Feast of All Saints, 4 Edw. II. (3 November, 1310).

(27)

Will of John Woodland:—

I bequeath my soul to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary atte Stalls, Bath.

To Ellen, my wife, my cottage in Brommeslane ; and after her decease to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath.

To John, my son, one coverlet and one brass pot, and one " posnet."

To S my daughter, a counterpane (chalonem), and one brass pot and one possenet.

The residue of my goods, after payment of all my debts, to Ellen, my wife, (to be used) for praying for my soul.

Ellen, my wife, and Richard Budel, executors.

Dated : Monday next after the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Proved in the church of Stalls, 21 June, 1382, before William de Wolley, Commissary of John, bishop of Bath and Wells.

(28)

Grant by Walter le Carpenter, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to Richard Golde, and Agnes, his first wife, and to Deonicia, their eldest daughter, for their

lives, of a messuage in Bromeslane which Henry le Mareschal built there, and which is situate between the messuage of the said Henry le Mareschal, on the south, and the city walls, on the north (with clause for repairing etc). Rendering yearly to the Mayor, etc, 2s. 6d. of silver.

Witnesses : Walter le Carpenter, Mayor ; Thomas Stote ; Robert le Deyghar ; John Gregory ; Roger de Clywar ; William le Goldsmyth ; John Funtel.

Dated at Bath, Monday next before the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr, 30 Edw. III.

[Also in another hand] at Bath, Friday the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen, 30 Edw. III. (22 July, 1356).

(29)

Grant by John Columbel, to Henry le Mareschal, of a curtilage in Bath which lies between the curtilage of Benedict Hercy, on the east side, and the lane which is called " Saundreslane of Legh," on the west side, and the way by Boureswall, on the north side, and the curtilage and house of Richard le Venour, on the south side.

Seal of the Mayoralty of Bath.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; John Cole ; Adam Whytesone ; Henry Hurell ; Richard Boye.

Dated at Bath, Monday the Feast of St. Bartholomew, 6 Edw. III. (24 August, 1332).

(30)

Same date, parties, and premises (as in No. 29).

Cancelled by punctures.

(31)

Copy Will of Henry le Marschal, of Bath.

My body to be buried in the churchyard of the Apostles Peter and Paul, of Bath.

For my funeral expenses, thirteen shillings and four pence.

To the hospital of St. John the Baptist of Bath, for celebrating for my soul,
6s. 8d.

To Alice, my daughter, a bed and a small brass pot.

To William, my son, a brass pot and a bed.

To John, my son, a pot and a bed.

For distribution to the poor, 10s.

To the five rectors of the parish, one penny apiece.

To their clerks, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. apiece.

To the bedeman, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Item, one trental for celebrating for my soul.

To Robert de Dunster a coat (male) and a new white purse.

To Alice, my daughter, a cottage in Saundres Lane, of Legh, by the messuage of Richard Baiour.

To the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, two cottages lying by the said cottage ; to have for ever.

To William, a cottage with the curtilage.

To the Mayor and Commonalty of Bath, to make an anniversary for ever, six pence of annual rent arising from the two cottages which John Husee holds, by the

bath of Alsy, with the reversion when it shall happen ; namely for one hundred poor people on the vigil of All Saints.

To John, my son, all my tools, tongs, " crautenes," and one good anvil (andfeld) and shears (scherchours), four " hamours," two " forhamurs " and two nail hammers (naylhamours).

The residue of my goods to Isabella, my wife, and Alice, my daughter, and William, my son.

Isabella, my wife, and Robert de Dunster to be executors.

Dated : Wednesday next after the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude the Apostles, (28 October), 1348.

Seek the original will in the common chest.

(32)

Grant by Richard Pochon, to John Pochon, his younger son, and to Thomas, his eldest son, and their heirs lawfully begotten, of a messuage in Vicareislane, between the tenement of John le Scheperewe, on the north side, and the house of Thomas Skeyne, on the south side. Rendering yearly to Richard and Isabella, his wife, for their lives, 4 pence. After their decease he wills that John, his younger son, or Thomas, John's son, should pay the value of half the said messuage to Thomas, his (Richard's) son.

Witnesses : Robert Vattus, Mayor ; John Gregori ; John Natton ; Richard Vitulle ; William Rouse ; Sewalle Fraunces.

Dated at Bath, Sunday the Feast of the Assumption, 2 Richard II. (15 August, 1378).

(33)

Release by John Cotesforde, late perpetual vicar of Thacham, of all his right in a burgage in Bath, in Chepingstrete, on the south side, which he lately had of the delivery of William de Iforde, " Deo commendati," to Alice, relict of Nicholas Powles, of the parish of Thacham, daughter and heir of Benedict Hersi, her heirs and assigns.

Witnesses : Thomas atte Chaumbre ; John Cran ; Richard atte Berne ; Walter Berd ; Henry Prentis.

Dated at Bath, Sunday next after the Feast of the Purification, 36 Edw. III. (6 February, 1361-62).

(34)

Grant by William Scuel, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Hoe, chaplain, for his life only, of their messuage in Serio's lane, between the land of the Prior of the Convent of Bath on both sides. Also grant by the same to the same John of the chantry of their mass of Saint Mary for them and their successors, taking for his stipend yearly as long as he should live as his predecessors were wont to take. The said John will maintain the said messuage in as good repair as when he received it and if John obtains better promotion, etc, it shall be lawful for the Mayor, etc, to make fitting promotion for themselves.

Witnesses : Sir Robert, vicar of St. Mary de Stalls ; William Cook ; Peter le Brevitor ; Richard the miller ; Benedict de Stoke.

Dated at Bath, Wednesday next after the Feast of St. Augustin, 31 Edw. I. (1 March, 1302-3).

(35)

Quitclaim by William le Comar, to Richard Legat and his heirs, of all his right in a certain plot against Lotzete, lying by the stall of Martin de Monte.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor of Bath ; Richard Everard, Provost ; John Milis ; John Coc ; Richard de Henley.

(*Circa* 1280).

(36)

Quitclaim by Robert, son of William de Bath, to Robert Legat and his heirs of all his right in a plot against Lotzete, which is by the plot of the said Richard Legat.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard, Provost ; John Milis ; John Coc ; Roger de Ledebury ; Robert of Worcester ; Richard de Henleye.

(*Circa* 1280).

(37)

Quitclaim by Robert, son of William Nel, of Bath, to Richard Legat, of all his right in a certain plot against Lotzete, which is by the plot of the said Richard Legat.

Witnesses : Gilbert Cissor, Mayor ; Richard Everard, Provost ; John Milis ; John Coc ; Richard de Henleye.

(*Circa* 1280).

(38)

Grant by John Galoun, to Adam Whyteson and his heirs, of a curtilage outside the gate called Lotzete towards the north side. Rendering yearly to the Bishop of Bath and Wells 12 pence.

Seal of the Mayoralty.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; Alexander le Dayer ; William Sweyn ; Henry Hurel ; Richard le Vyngnour ; Henry le Marsschel.

Dated at Bath, Sunday before the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 8 Edw. III. (19 June, 1334).

(39)

Grant by Geoffrey Hammund de Insula, of a house with the curtilage by Loteyate by the lane to Monkemulle, on the east, to Roger Crist and Cristina, his wife, daughter of the said Geoffrey, and to heirs begotten of their bodies, with remainder for default of such issue to the said Geoffrey and his heirs.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor ; Thomas de Tame, Provost ; Alexander le Deghere ; William of Kemyngton.

Dated at Bath, Sunday next after the Feast of St. Gregory the Pope, 8 Edw. III. (6 March, 1333-34).

(40)

Grant by John Samborne, and Joan, his wife, to Roger Crist, and Cristina, his wife, of 5d. of rent to be taken yearly at Michaelmas from a certain small curtilage which the said John and Joan had of the feoffment of Geoffrey Hamond, lying between a curtilage which the said Roger and Cristina had of the feoffment of the same

Geoffrey, and the lane which leads towards Lotghete, on the north. And Roger and Cristina grant that John and Joan will acquit the said small curtilage against the chief lords of the fee and all others; and to do this they faithfully bind themselves their heirs or assigns and all their tenements in Bath to distress by the said chief lords.

Witnesses : Roger Cole, Mayor; Alexander Tincter; Adam Whitesone; Thomas Fontel; Henry Hurel; Richard le Boye; Richard le Venour, Provost.

Dated at Bath, Friday next after Michaelmas, 9 Edw. III (30 September, 1335).

(41)

Grant by Robert le Deyghar, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Bath, to John Wolmere, and Isabella, his first wife, and John, their second son, for their lives, of a messuage in the lane going towards Lothiate, situate between their own tenement (tenementum meum proprium), on the west, and the Guildhall of the city, on the east. Rendering yearly to the cofferers of the Commonalty of the city 2 shillings of silver (with clause for repairs and forfeiture: contract to rebuild if burnt down or pulled down during their tenancy).

Witnesses : Robert Deigher, Mayor; John Gregory; Thomas ; le Mareschal; John Funtel.

Dated at Bath, Monday next after Michaelmas, 33 Edw. III. (30 September, 1359).

(42)

Grant by Robert, Bishop of Bath and Wells, to his citizens of Bath, of certain plots in Bath to be built on, to be maintained entirely, whereof one plot lies by the bishop's court, towards the west, which contains in length 214 feet and extends from the highway as far as the wall of the bishop's court; another plot lies against Lothete, which contains in length 24 feet and in breadth 18 feet; and the third plot lies at the gate of the churchyard, which contains in length 7 feet and in breadth 7 feet, namely, to Philip de Tanton, Richard Legat, Gilbert Tailor (Cissor), John Daniel, John Bouche, Richard Everard, Jordan le Mercer, Richard Thabernarius, William Nel and William le Comare. To have and to hold to them and their heirs, of the bishop and his successors, freely, etc, for ever. Rent of Philip de 2s., Richard Legat 2s. 4½d., Gilbert Tailor 3s., John Daniel 3s., John Buche 4s. 1½d., Richard Everard 3s., Jordan le Mercer 5s. 6d., Richard Tabernarius 4s., William Nel 12d., and William le Comare 12d, and also all their heirs and successors are bound to pay the rent abovesaid. The bishop and his successors will warrant the said plots against all men, and he wills that all the men abovesaid and their heirs and successors shall enjoy the liberty which all his other citizens of Bath enjoy and sustain the charges with them.

Confirmation by the Prior and Chapter of Bath and the Dean and Chapter of Wells, and their common Seals are set thereto.

Witnesses : Sir John de Sancto Laudo; Sir Adam de Button; Sir Alexander Huse; Sir Hubert Huse; John Fouke; Walter de Chokerwyke, and others.

(1274-92).

(43)

Grant by Gunnilda Mabun, daughter of Arnald Mabun, with the consent of her mother, of all her land, of la Burie, to wit, which is next the chapel of All Saints on the west side, to Avice Crowe, and Peter the chaplain (capellanus), her son, to have by hereditary right and to hold freely, etc, of her and her heirs. Rendering yearly to her at Hockeday 8 pence, and if Gunnilda and her heirs are not able to warrant the said land she will render to them three marks of silver which they paid her for this grant.

Witnesses : William Swan, of Bath ; John, his brother ; Gervase de Bath ; Robert White (Albus) ; Henry Cappel ; Hugo de Aixton ; Reginald Geroud ; Ralph Absalon ; Andrew Clerk ; Durand le Sauser ; Martin Othin.

(Circa 1240).

(44)

Quitclaim by John Absolon, son of Henry Absolon, for 3s. sterling, to Richard Everard, of all his right in a certain cellar in Bath which is Stalls street (juxta vicum mercatorum) between the tenement of William le Comaundur, on the east side, and the tenement of Thomas Sweyn, on the west side.

Seal of the Guild of Bath.

Witnesses : Thomas Sweyn, Mayor ; Gilbert Cissor ; Robert Cook ; Richard Tabernarius, Provost ; John de Scyreburne.

(Circa 1285).

(45)

Grant by Adam, son of Robert de Halegete, to Madoc, son of Robert, for 12 marks, to himself, and 2s. to William, his son and heir, of one virgate of land in Halegete. Rendering yearly to Adam one pair of gloves or one penny at Michaelmas for all service saving royal service, as much as pertains to one virgate of land in the same fee.

Witnesses : Sir Henry de Vilers ; Sir John de Paltona ; Sir William de Tilly ; Nicholas de Littleton ; John de Cromale ; John Burelle ; Peter de Littleton.

(Circa 1300).

(46)

Grant by William Sweyn, citizen of Bath, to Master John de Dudmarton, vicar of the church of the Blessed Mary de Stalles, of all that plot of land outside the Bath bridge, between the tenement of Richard Goudhyne, of Welewe, on the west side, and the tenement of the Chamberlain of Bath which William Elemede once held, on the east side, and which extends from the way leading from the aforesaid Bath bridge towards Wydcombe, as far as a certain meadow of the aforesaid William. Rendering yearly to him (William Sweyn) 4 shillings.

Witnesses : John de Wyke, Mayor ; John Cole ; Roger Cole ; Alexander Tinctor ; Richard le Boye.

Dated at Bath, 6 June, 2 Edw. III. (1328).

(47)

Counterpart of No. 46.

(48)

Another copy of No. 46, except that the rent reserved is 3s.

(49)

Grant by John de Dudmarton, vicar of the church of the Blessed Mary of Stalls, to John atte Taverne, of Bath, and Matilda, his first wife, William, John, Margaret, Agnes, and Thomas, their children, severally and successively, to their heirs, of a messuage with the curtilage, in the manor of Lyncombe, which he built on part of a plot which he had of the feoffment of William Swayn, of Bath, and which is situate outside Bath bridge, between the tenement of Richard Goodhyne, of Wellewe, on the west side, and the tenement of the Chamberlain of the Priory of Bath which John Aleyn holds, on the east side ; and it extends from the road which leads from the aforesaid bridge towards Wydecomb to a certain meadow of the said William Swayn. To hold the said messuage with the curtilage and a close on the west and south sides to the said John, Matilda, and their children, and to their heirs. Rendering yearly to the said William Swayn and his heirs 3s. of silver.

Witnesses : Edmund Husee ; William de Berewyk ; Thomas Gyuelegh ; William le Vygnor ; Richard Petyt ; Richard de la Mare ; John Warde.

Dated at Bath 20 Feb, 13 Edw. III. (1338-39).

(50)

Counterpart of No. 49.

(51)

Grant by John Dudmerton, chaplain of the Commonalty of the City of Bath, to John Gregory, Mayor of Bath, Walter Carpenter and Henry Jolyf, all of the said city, and to their heirs, of a messuage with the curtilage in the manor of Lynecombe, situate outside Bath bridge, between the tenement of Richard Goodehyne, of Welewe, on the west side, and the tenement of the Chamberlain of the Priory of Bath, on the east side, which said messuage, etc, he had of the gift of John Tame, the younger, his nephew.

Seal of the deanery of Bath.

Witnesses : Robert le Dyar ; John Wittukkesmed ; William Goldsmyth ; John Natton ; Henry le Clerk.

Dated at Bath, Tuesday before Michaelmas, 36 Edw. III. (27 September, 1362).

(52)

Grant by Alexander, called le Deyare, citizen of Bath, to John de Marsfeld and Matilda, his wife, for their lives, of a tenement in Bath, which lies between the Hokerbenche and what used to be the upper part of the oven of the bishop of Bath ; in which place there is now a shop outside by the high street, and below (there is) a hall. Rendering yearly to Alexander 10s. at the four terms of the year usual in the city of Bath.

Witnesses : Adam Wytesone, Mayor ; John Cole ; Roger Cole ; Richard le Boye ; John Jolyf.

Dated at Bath, 23 May, 3 Edw. III. (1329).

(53)

Grant by Osbert le Goyz, to William, son of Walter, for two marks, of all his right in a messuage, with the land and appurtenances, in the vill of Sueyneswik, which the said William bought of Thomas le Goyz, Osbert's uncle, as is witnessed by his charter.

Witnesses : Sir Walter de Wik ; Sir John de Chaumpflur ; Sir Adam le Wateys ; Peter the bedell ; Kaskill de Weston ; Roger de Welles ; John Fuk'.

(*Circa* 1250).

(54)

Indenture made at Bath between John Whyttokesmede, Mayor, and the Commonalty, of the one part, and Richard Pochyn, the younger, and Alice, his wife, of the other part, witnessing that whereas John Kybbel, chaplain, holds for his life of the said Mayor and Commonalty a croft called Kemyngtonyscrofte, with 1 acre of arable land, outside the North gate, near the barton of the Prior, at the annual rent of 10s, with reversion to the Mayor, etc, the Mayor, etc, have granted that the said Richard Pochyn and Alice shall have and hold the said croft with the said acre of land, ditches and dikes, after the death of the said John Kybbel, for their lives and the life of the longest liver of them, at the rent of 10s. yearly.

Witnesses : Henry de Forde ; John Gregory ; John Pedyrton ; John Natton ; Walter Merkelegh.

Dated : Wednesday next after the Feast of Holy Trinity, 43 Edw. III. (30 May, 1369).

(55)

Grant by Richard, son of William Smith (Faber), of Fordigbrig, for 50 shillings sterling, to Sir Robert de Kernet and his heirs, of a messuage, with all the land and all their appurtenances, in the vill of Fordigbrig, to wit, that which was given to William Smith, Richard's father, with Matilda, his mother, to wit, 2 acres of land where the said messuage is situate and 2 acres of land in Medfurlang and half an acre of meadow, with all their appurtenances. Rendering yearly to God and the church of the Blessed Mary of Fordigbrig for the light of the Blessed Mary $\frac{1}{2}$ d. at Pentecost for all services and exactions, etc, saving royal service as much as pertains to so great a free tenement in the same vill.

Witnesses : Sirs Nicholas de Mules ; Gilbert de Meleford ; Richard de Cardevile ; Hamon de Bathamtun, knights ; Master William de Molendis, then parson of Ford ; Geoffrey de Causz ; Nigell de Bokelond ; William de Cherdeford ; Reginald de Puncherd ; Henry de St. Samson ; Gilbert de Puserche ; William de Burthiat ; John Bacun.

(*Circa* 1290).

(56)

Grant by Idonea, daughter of Randulf Gernun, with the consent of her friends, for half a mark, to Reginald Ganard, for his homage and service, of 5 perches of land in Hioforlang, of her share, toward the west, opposite the weir in the north field ; and in the west field 5 perches of land which lie in the seventh acre, of her share. Rendering yearly to her one penny at the Feast of St. Lawrence, at la Rode

(10 August), and one penny for all service belonging to her or her heirs, saving royal service pertaining to so great a tenement. And the said land ought to give 1d. for scutage.

Witnesses : William de Harsegia ; Geoffrey, his son ; Henry de Balun ; Walter Gernun ; John de Ponte ; John Furmage ; Richard Tutprest.

(*Circa* 1270).

(57)

Grant by Walter, son of William, with the assent of Cecily, his wife, and Henry, his heir, to Richard, son of Roger, for 20 shillings to himself for entry and to Cecily one palfrey, and to Henry, his heir, 2 shillings, of half a virgate of land which Ranulph Budde held in the villa of Hagsfordtun, for his homage and scribe. To have and to hold freely, etc, in meadows, ways, paths, waters, groves, and in all places. Rendering yearly one pound of pepper at Michaelmas.

Witnesses : Odo de Wandestre ; William de Bolibec ; Hugh de Radene ; Adam Russel ; Henry de Kamel ; Richard, son of John.

(*Circa* 1290).

(58)

Grant by Geoffrey de Lawerton, with the consent of Amabilia, his wife, etc, to William le Roc, son of Richard le Roc, for certain gilt spurs, of all that land which William le Roc, son of Roger, gave to the said William, his nephew. Rendering yearly one pound of pepper at Michaelmas for all secular service, saving the service of the lord the King as much as pertains to so great a tenement in the same fee of Agferton. If Geoffrey and Amabilia are not able to warrant the said land they will make a reasonable exchange to the value of so much land in their manor of Lawerton.

Witnesses : Reginald de Albamara ; Robert de Wasp[ray] ; Nicholas and Philip de Litleton ; Nicholas, son of Thrustan.

(*Circa* 1300).

(59)

Grant by Richard de Wyldecryk, to John Aldred, Robert Symenel, Magote de Hertlegh, William Ateballe, Adam Scody, Robert le Skyrnere, and Silvester Deston, John Cole, of Bath, and Agnes, his wife, and John, their son, and their heirs, of all their rent and the reversion of their tenement in Batheneston and Hertlegh, together with all other services and profits, etc, issuing from the same tenements, which they some-time held of him for life, on condition that they should pay the rents and all services due to the said John and Agnes and to John and their heirs.

Witnesses : John de Sautemareys ; James Huse ; Robert de Denemedé ; Roger Hamond ; John de Forde.

Dated at Bristol, Monday before the Feast of St. Martin, 9 Edw. II. (10 November, 1315) (French).

(60)

Grant by John Cole, of Bath, to Thomas de Cumyngton, and Matilda, his wife, and Robert, their son, for their lives, of all his meadow which lies in the close called Silvestresham, in Batheneston, which lies on the west side of the said close, between

the meadow of Walter le Zonge and the meadow of John de Sautemareys. Rendering yearly 12 pence, viz., at Hockedaye and Michaelmas; and it shall be lawful for Thomas, Matilda and Robert to shroud the trees at the proper time, but not fell them, though they may take those thrown down by the wind.

Witnesses : John de Sautemareys; James Huse; Nicholas de Dene; Thomas Hugh.

(Circa 1300).

(61)

Grant by Adam Hynkete, of Cheriton, to John Gigur, of the same place, of a cottage with curtilage adjacent in Cherlton, which was Matilda Mungewelle's, situate between the said John's cottage, on the one side, and the messuage of Matilda Crupyn, on the other. Rendering the services due.

Witnesses : John Crok; John F; Thomas; William Zonge; Peter

Dated at Cherlton, Feast of St. Vincent, 40 Edw. III. (22 January, 1366-67). (Decayed).

(62)

Grant and confirmation by Robert Canutus, with the consent of his wife and of his heirs, to Thomas le Goiz, of the donation which Nicholas, son of Elwin, made to the same Thomas, to wit, of the messuage which was Eilred's, with all the land the same Eilred held, and Elias, his son, by succession from him. Moreover of one acre of land which was Sigar's, in the west field, above the aforesaid messuage, next his culture (cultura), and of one acre of his fee in Slatterwelle, above Henlei, which lies by the acre of John, son of Fulk, and in the east field of one acre, which was Ailward's, next the road above the croft of Simon Clerk, and of his common pasture for two oxen with his oxen wheresoever they feed; saving his meadow of Slattwelle, which is below his house at the gable, and of pasture for one cow with his, whether in the meadow or outside. To hold the same freely, etc., as is contained in a charter which he made to the said Nicholas, which the said Nicholas gave to the aforesaid Thomas with the said land. Rendering yearly 5s.

Witnesses : Henry Hosatus; Walter de Wike; Richard de Ford; Walter, his son; John Chernburi; Simon Clerk; John Fuke; Adam le Goiz; Peter de Eston.

(Circa 1240).

(63)

Grant by William Criket, taylor, of Yevele, to Joan, his wife, for her life, of one burgage with the curtilage adjacent, etc., in the free borough of the town of Yevele, in a certain street called la Putlane, between the burgage of Richard Brytt', on the west side, and the burgage of Richard Bartor, on the east side.

Witnesses : Robert Alford, Provost of Yevele; John Trock; William Graunger; William Manston.

Dated at Yevele, Saturday the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen, 20 Ric. II. (22 July, 1396).

(64)

Agreement between Gilbert Aumari, of the one part, and brother Robert, then Master, and the brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital, of the other part, by which Gilbert grants one acre of meadow in Berford, on the west side and by the meadow of Luke de Ponte, of Kaynisham, which said meadow the same Luke held in villenage of the Abbot of Keynisham, and it extends upon the acre of la Wogepole and contains in width 3 perches, and at the south head 5 perches in length, in free, pure and perpetual alms. To hold of the said Gilbert and his heirs, etc, freely, etc. And if he does not warrant it he will make a reasonable exchange with them without any gainsaying from his other meadows or lands by the view of good and lawful men, so that the said brethren and sisters shall not be losers. Gilbert and his heirs will acquit the brethren and sisters for ever from all suits of their court and of other hundred and county courts, and from all royal service and other exactions, suits, customs, and demands, which variously happen in the realm of England. In consideration of this the Master, brethren and sisters remitted to Gilbert one acre of meadow in the aforesaid meadow of which his father by charter enfeoffed the Master and brethren.

Witnesses: Sir Robert, then Abbot of Kaynisham ; Master Thomas le Franceys ; Robert Marmiun ; Nicholas de Littleton ; Gilbert de Wyke ; Walter Basset, Bailiff of Bath ; Robert Chern ; Gilbert Compton.

Dated : 51 Henry III. (1266-67).

(65)

Grant in fee by Thomas Curtelune, to Roger Wallensis, of a messuage with all things on it in the meadow of Leuwine, in the suburb of Bristol, which William Curtelune, his father, bought of Alexander le Flemmeng, tailor, which Alexander bought of Suonild Plux, widow, which her father gave to her in free marriage, and fell to her as heir after the death of her father and mother. Which same messuage William Curtelune, his father, held from Walter Comin. Rendering yearly 12 pence at Michaelmas for all service ; and because William Curtelune by the advice of his mother, Matilda, gave him the fruits of that messuage, Thomas took and held by the said rent from Walter Comin ; which messuage his father, William Curtelune, gave to the said Thomas before his death, with the aforesaid gift and seisin which he had made to him before. This messuage lies between the land of Nicholas Maculuerd, towards the east, and the land of Jordan le Bel, towards the west, and extends from the highway as far as the water of Frome. Rendering yearly to Thomas and his heirs a pair of gloves or a halfpenny at Michaelmas. For this Roger paid him in hand a cap (capain), an overcoat, and 12s. sterling at the said messuage and the last penny in the Hundred court of Bristol where this charter was read and delivered to Roger Wallensis.

Witnesses: Peter Samuel ; Roger Clerk ; Roger Aylard, Steward ; Nicholas, son of Nicholas, Provost ; Henry Hoke ; Allelm Gernund ; Alexander and John, his brothers ; Walter Comin, who was at that seisin and saw Roger Wallensis use that seisin ; Hugh de Bercamestude ; Roger, his son ; Geoffrey de Berkame ; Adam Synward ; Walter de London ; John de London ; John de Oxon ; Lawrence Wallensis ; Roger Tabernator ; Walter Gaylard, servant in the tenement where the said messuage lies ; John Curtelune ; Alan, servant, and Walter, servant, of Bristol ; Philipp Hybernicus (Irish), who wrote this charter, and many others.

(66)

Grant by Robert Toppe, to Agnes, daughter of Ralph Palmer, and her heirs, of certain land in Bristol "in feiria illa," which is between the land of Hugh, son of Cristina, and the land of David Smith (Faber), which is of fee of the heirs of Ailward Young (Juvenis) and which he (Robert) formerly granted to the aforesaid Ralph, father of Agnes, and to Cecily, her mother. Rendering yearly to Robert or his heirs 3 pence for all service, etc, at Mid Lent. If Agnes should die without issue Cecily, mother of Agnes, and Hugh, Cecily's husband, should hold all the aforesaid land freely and quitly of Robert or his heirs by the said rent, and if Agnes or Cecily wish to sell the land it should first be offered to Robert or his heirs for a price which another person should offer to give for it. For this grant and confirmation Agnes, Hugh and Cecily gave him 8 shillings of silver.

Witnesses : John la Warr' ; Peter la Warr' ; Roger Cordewaner ; Richard, his brother ; Nicholas, son of Nicholas ; Jordan Ruffus ; William Fresel ; Walter de Paris ; Stephan the clerk.

(*Circa* 1280).

(67)

Grant by William la Warr', son of David la Warr', of Bristol, to William Yve, butcher, of all that land in Saint Thomas street which the said William held of William la Warr's father, between the land which was Turstan the tanner's and between the Pile (inter terram que fuit Turstani tannarii et inter Pullam). Rendering yearly 18 pence ; also leave to sell the said land with the said (*sic*) curtilage, except to religion or Judaism, saving the said rent. With the condition that the land should be offered to William la Warr' and his heirs before all others. For which William Yve gave him 2 bezants for entry ; and on William Yve's heirs changing, his heirs must give one pound of pepper or 6d. for a relief.

Witnesses : Walter, chaplain of All Saints ; Martin the deacon ; Roger de Kiuilli ; Lawrence and Richard Snake ; butchers ; Roger Fellard ; John Fellard ; Richard of Winchester and Helias, tailors ; Walter Siward ; Henry the deacon who made this charter.

(*Circa* 1270).

(68)

Grant by Hermerus, son of Michael and Hawise, his wife, to God and the hospital of St. John of Bath, of all that land in Radeclive street, which they before held of the same Hospital, and which is between the grantors' land and the land which was Boidin de Ros'. For which the said brethren gave them 4 marks of silver in hand. Wherefore the grantors should acquit them against the Jews. Wherefore they resigned to the said Hospital all their right before the Hundred of Radeclive.

Witnesses : Philipp Long ; William Blakeman, Provost ; Vincent, son of Hermerus ; Richard Bernard ; Richard Dyer (Tincter) ; Thomas Hareg ; Adam Revel ; Gerard French (Francus) ; Alexander Scott ; Henry who made this charter.

(*Circa* 1300).

(69)

Grant by Hermer, son of Michael, to Hawise, his wife, in free dower, of 5s. rent from that land in Radeclune street and its buildings, which is between the land of St. John's Hospital of Bath and the land which was Richard Fromand's, of Taunton,

to be taken every year according to the law of Bristol to the said Hawise and to her heirs for ever. And be it known that Hermerus made his donation to the said Hawise for the above land which he and she gave by charter to the said Hospital of Bath.

Witnesses: Philip Long; William Blakeman; Richard Bernard; Richard Dyer; Thomas Hareg; Elias Estm'; Boidin de Ros.

(*Circa 1265*).

(70)

I, Cary, sheriff of Somerset, by command of the King, dated at Westminster, 6 July, 20 Edward III. (1346), order the bailiff of the City of Bath, to distrain Richard le Gynour, John Hus, Nicholas le Degher, John de Alyngton, Robert Plont, Walter Saundres, Richard le Venour, Robert le Deghere, Nicholas Basse, Adam le Barber, Robert de Natton, and Eustace de Button, by all their lands in his bailiwick, and to have them before the justices at Westminster, in 15 days from Michaelmas or before William de Sharesull at the assizes on Friday the Morrow of St. Lawrence, at Wells, to recognise on their oath whether 15 acres of land and 3 acres of meadow in Walcote and Bath are the free alms pertaining to the chapel of St. Werburg by Bath, whereof William de Kelleseye is parson or the lay fee of Thomas State, citizen of Bath, and Matilda, his wife, Bathin le Deghare and Cristina, his wife, Edmund Farlegh and Margery, his wife, and the Prior of Bath.

(71)

Since contention has arisen between Thomas, Prior of Bath and the Convent of the same place, of the one part, and the citizens of the same city, of the other part, concerning the pasture of a certain meadow which is called Kyngesmed, it was agreed on Monday next before the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, in the year of grace 1260, between the aforesaid persons under this form :—

This is to say, that the aforesaid citizens may enter the said meadow with their cattle each year on the Morrow of St. Peter ad Vincula (28 June), giving to the said Prior and his successors for each head of cattle having a tooth one penny, and for every one not having a tooth a halfpenny; on condition that the cattle of the said citizens feed in the said meadow with the cattle of the said Prior from the before named term until the said Prior or his successors should remove their cattle from the said meadow, or cause them to be removed; and should put them in certain stubble fields pertaining to the barton, which the said Prior holds of the King at fee farm, namely, in the east field between Walekot and the bridge of Lambrugge, in the year when the said field was cultivated, and in the west field of the barton, in the year when that field was cultivated. So that, when the said Prior or his successors should remove their cattle from the aforesaid meadow, or cause them to be removed, and should put them into the said fields, the said citizens should be obliged to remove their cattle from the aforesaid meadow, and to feed them in the said fields of the barton with the Prior's cattle; giving to the said Prior and his successors, for every head having a tooth three halfpence, and for every head not having a tooth a halfpenny, so that both the said Prior and his successors should have their ancient defences in defence and should pasture them with their own cattle for three continuous

weeks before the said citizens should have entry on the said defences with their cattle ; and so that the said citizens should have entry on the aforesaid defences after the three weeks with their cattle, giving for one defence in the summer for every head having a tooth a penny, and for every head not having a tooth a halfpenny. And it shall be lawful for the Prior and his successors from the day on which they remove their cattle each year from Kyngesmed and put them on the aforesaid fields to have and to do their will thereupon. The citizens should have no entry with their cattle until the Feast of Saints Crispin and Crispinian (October 25), and then the citizens may enter with their cattle into the said meadow and pasture it with their cattle up to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) every year, giving nothing to the said Prior or his successors during the aforesaid time, but at the said Feast of St. Andrew the cattle of the citizens should be removed from the said meadow without opposition. For the security of this agreement both the said Prior and the citizens alternately have affixed their seals.

Witnesses : Sir Thomas de Baus' ; Sir William de Marinyun, knights ; Master John de Axebrug ; Master Roger Rufus ; Master Symon de Bath ; Master Thomas le Franceys ; Henry de Montford of Nony ; Robert Blakeet ; Robert de Luttlethon, then steward of the Prior of Bath.

(6 September, 1260).

(72)

To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing shall come, John, Prior of the cathedral church of Bath, and the convent of the same place greeting in our Lord. Because we have caused all our hay (haiam) within our manor of the Berton, near Bath, to be sowed in the 19th year of the reign of King Edward the third, we are however unwilling that such our sowing should fall to the disherison of the citizens of Bath, but we will that all rights and customs by which the citizens claim common of pasture in our land aforesaid be saved to the same citizens, notwithstanding our sowing aforesaid for this time.

Dated in our Chapter House, 12 June, 19 Edw. III. (1345).

(73)

This indenture, made the eighth daie of March, in the twelfe yere of the Reigne of our souveraine Ladie Elizabeth by the grace (of God) of England and Fraunce and Ireland Quene Defender of the faithe, etc, betwene Robert Fraunces, Maior of the Citie of Bathe, in the countie of Somersset, and the Aldermen and the XXtiIIII of the Council there, on the one partie and Peter Bewshyne, of Claverton, in the said countie, gentleman, on th' other partie Witnessethe that the said Maior, Aldermen and XXtiIIII by their assente, consent and common agreement have demysed granted and to farme let and by theis presentes dothe demyse graunte and to farme lett and sett unto the said Peter Bewshyne all suche common whiche the burgesses and commoners of the said Citie of Bathe hathe or of right ought to have in all the olde defended groundes belonging to the Graunge of Barton nere Bathe aforesaid and (decayed) particulerlie appearinge in certeyn writings made betwene the Citie of Bathe and the late Prior of Bathe and remayninge in the Towne Chamber of the said Citie. Excepte and always reserved to the Maior

of the Citie of Bathe for the tyme beinge, in the name of all the burgesies and commoners, one horse or other beasts to be put into Kingesmead every yere at Lammas there to feede and remayne unto the breach of the stubbe fildes of Walcote, and also excepted that it shal be lawfull for every burgeis and commoner of the said Citie at the breache of the Stubbefildes of Walcote and Barton yerelie with the farmours cattall to put in their cattle every man accordinge to the olde rate there, to feede and remayne till the feaste of Crispyngang and then to remove them out of the said Stubbefildes into Kingesmead and there to feede and remayne unto Saynt Andrewes eve. To have and to hold all the said commons with the whole commoditie and profytt thereof. (Except before excepted) unto the said Peter Bewshyne for and duringe his naturall lief, and after the decease of the said Peter to the executors and assigns of the same Peter for the terme and unto th'end of twentie one yeres then next and followinge fullie to be completed and ended. Yeldinge and payinge therefor yerelie unto the same Maior and Aldermen and XXtiIIII and their successoures forty shillinges of good and lawfull monye of England at fower termes in the yere there most usuall, to witte, at the feaste of The Nativitie of St. John Baptiste, Saynte Michaell the Archaungell, the Nativitie of Our Lorde God and the Annunciation of our Blessed Ladie the Virgin by even portions to be paid. And yf yt happened the said yerlie rent of fortie shillinges or eny parte thereof to be behinde ande unpaid in parte or in all after eny of the said Feastes in whiche yt ought to be paid by the space of eight wekes beinge before lawfullie demaunded and no sufficient distres in and uppon the premysses can be found, that then this indenture and lease shall cease determyne and be utterlie voide and of no force, this indenture or eny covenant article or clause therein conteyned to the contrarie notwithstandinge. And the said Peter Bewshyne covenautithe and grauntithe for hym, his executors and assigns to and with the said Maior, Aldermen and XXtiIIII and their successoures that he the said Peter nor his executors or assigns shall alienate or sell this his or their estate and terme in the premysses or make eny other assignment in the premysses for and duringe the said terme other then to one of the children of the said Peter Bewshyne payne of forfeiture of this indenture and lease. And the said Maior and Aldermen and XXtiIIII covenauteth and graunteth for them and their successoures for and in good consideration of the covenantes and articles aforesaid comprised in these indentures to be observed and trulie kept on the behalf of the said Peter Bewshyne and his said assigns to warraunte and defende this present lease unto them and every of them duringe the said terme against all men.

In witnes whereof to the one parte of these indentures remayninge with the said Peter Bewshyne and his assigns, the seale of the Mairoaltie of the said Citie of Bathe ys put to, and to the other parte of the indenture remaininge with the said Maior, Aldermen and XXtiIIII in the chamber of the said Citie the seale of the said Peter Bewshyne ys put to. Yeoven the daie and yere fyrst above written.

(8 March, 1569-70).

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